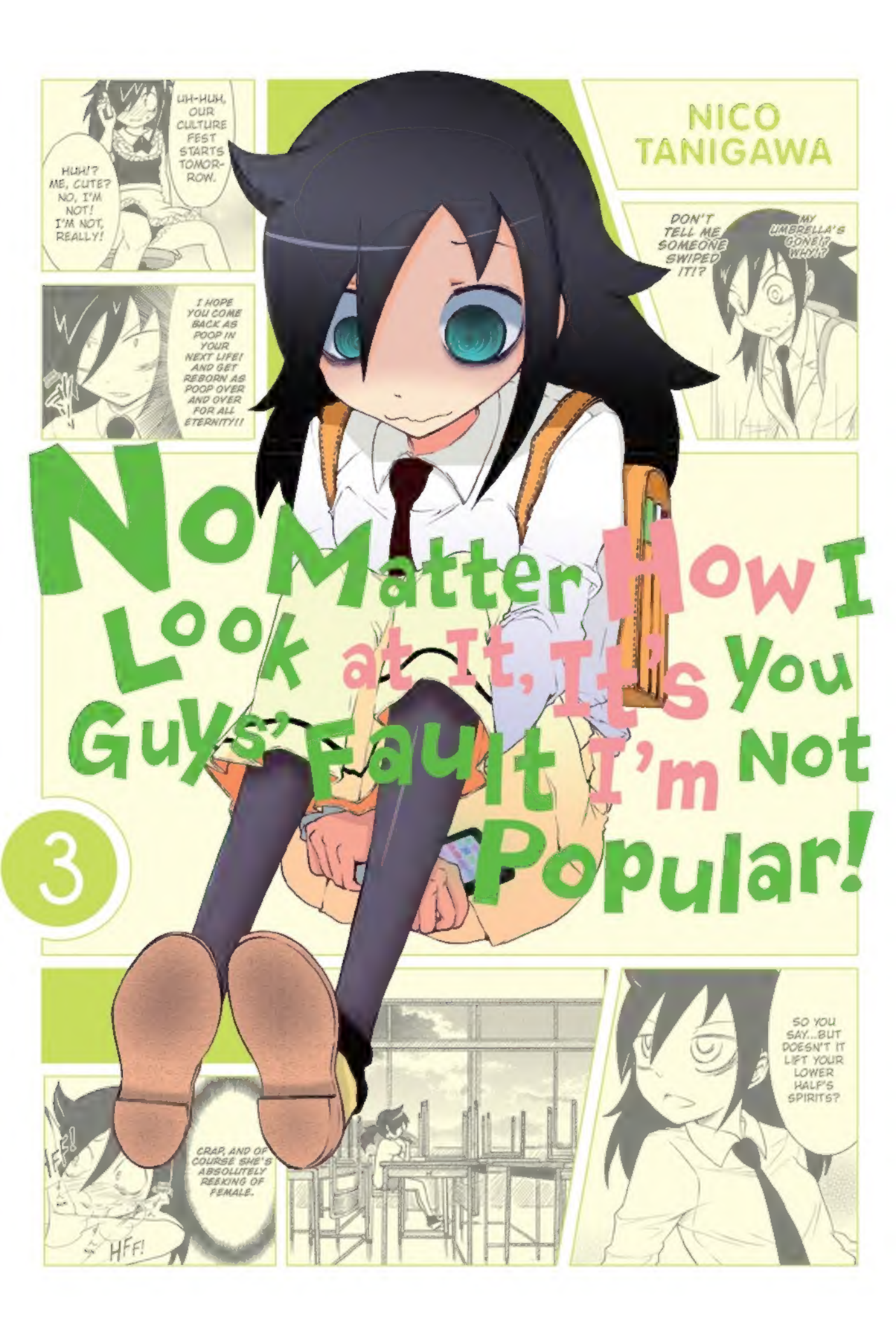
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I HOPE YOU COME BACK AS POOP IN YOUR NEXT LIFE! AND GET REBORN AS POOP OVER AND OVER FOR ALL ETERNITY!!
DON'T TELL ME SOMEONE SWIPED IT!?
MY UMBRELLA'S GONE!? WHY!?
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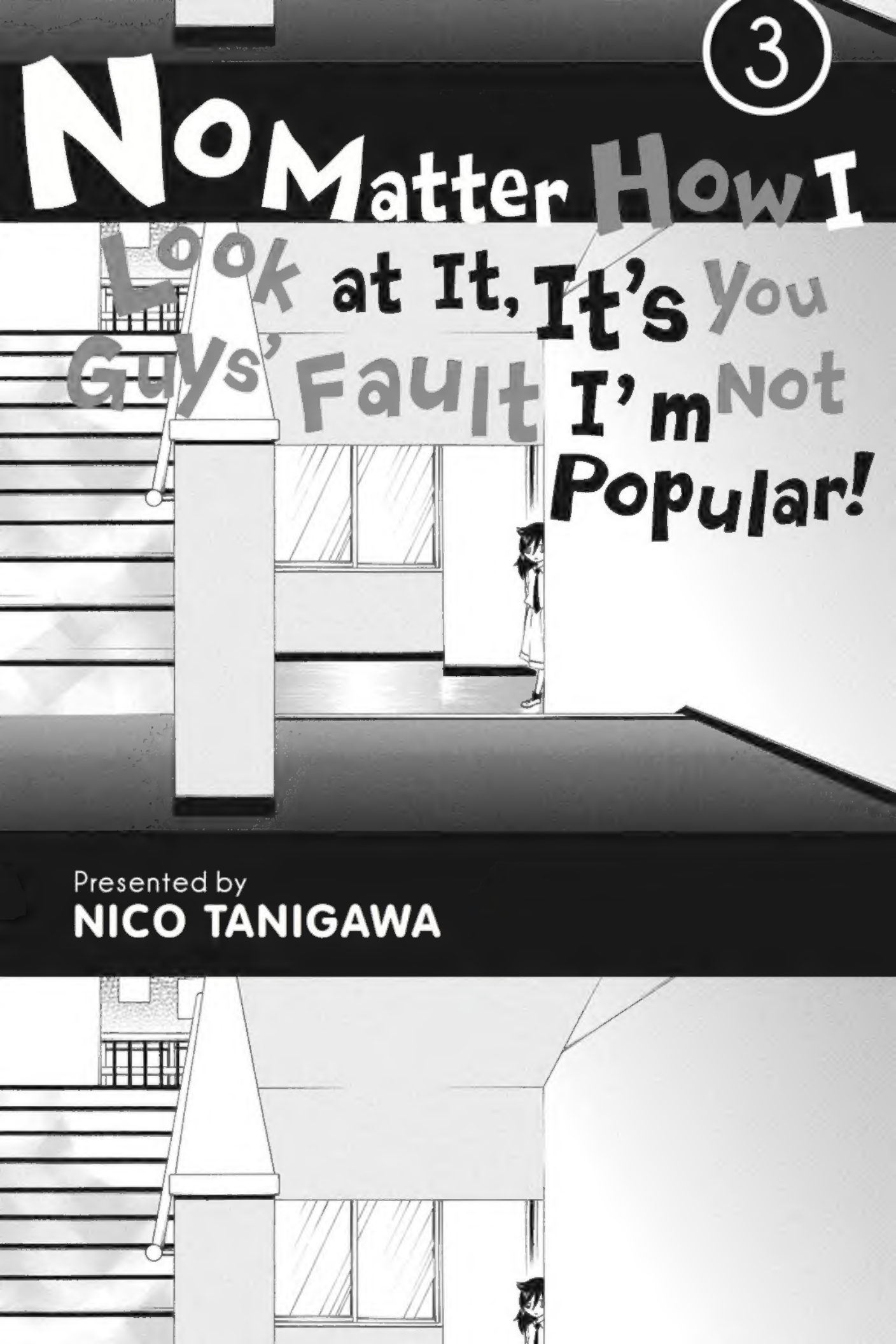
SO YOU SAY...BUT DOESN'T IT LIFT YOUR LOWER HALF'S SPIRITS?
CRAP, AND OF COURSE SHE'S ABSOLUTELY REEKING OF FEMALE.
HFF!
HFF!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Presented by
NICO TANIGAWA

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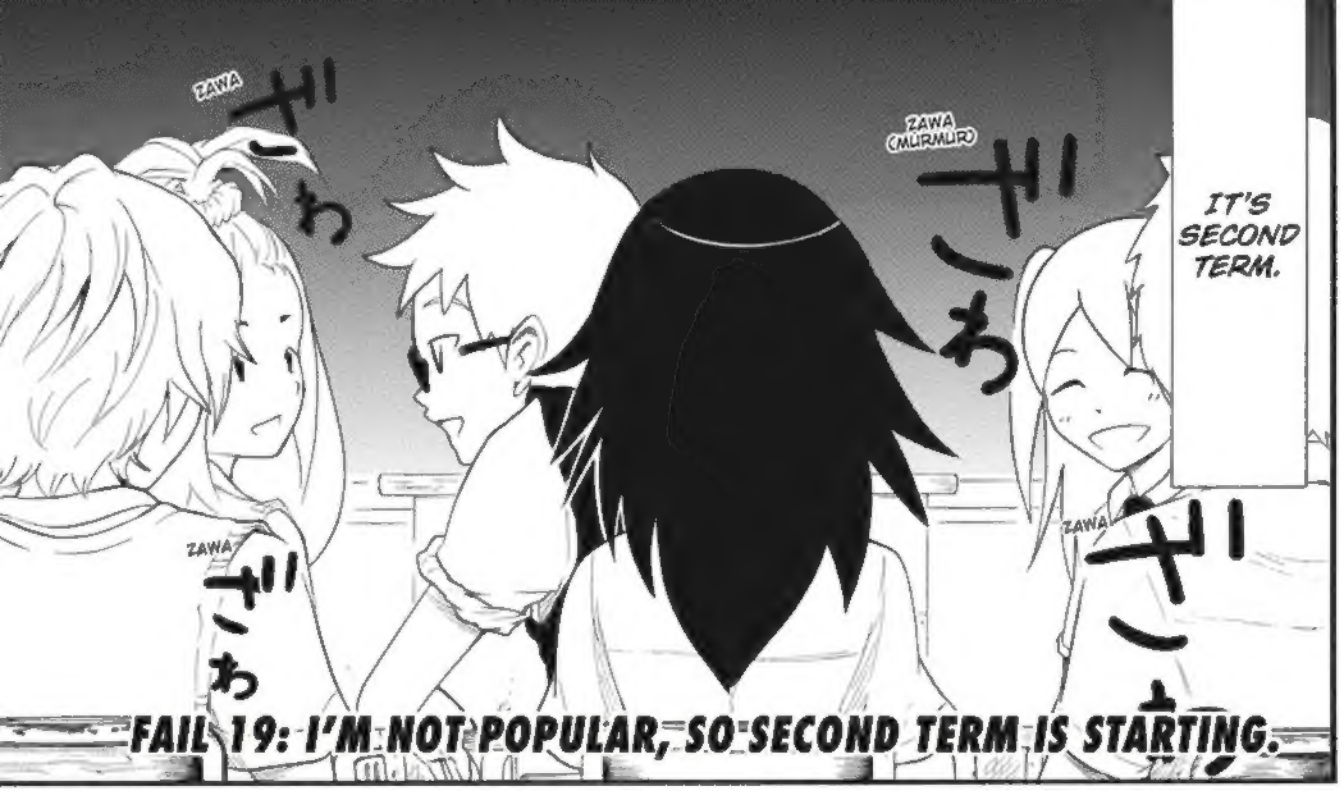

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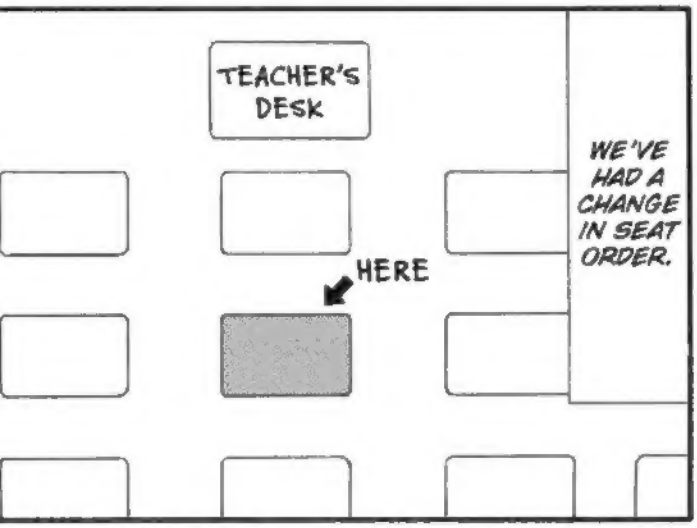


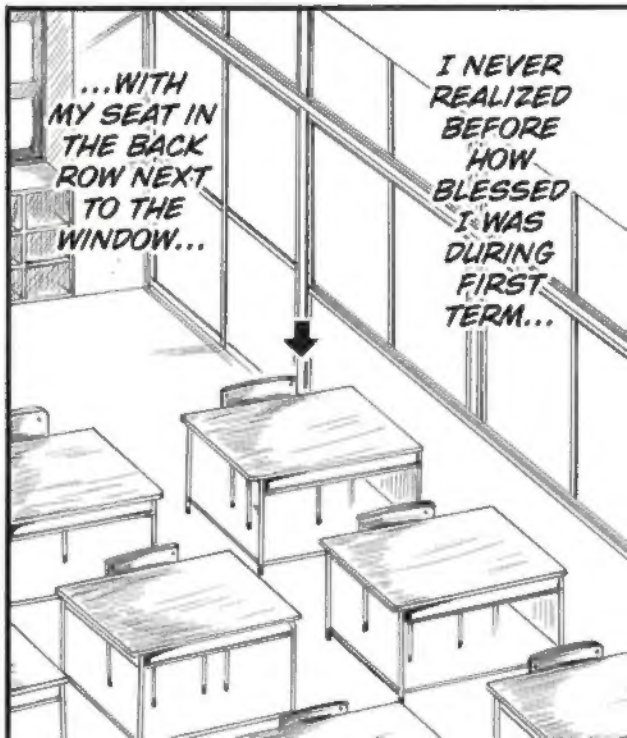
AH HA HA!
CAN IT, WOULD YA!?
WHOO-HOO! MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH KUROKI-SAN!

OH, KUROKI-SAN. BE NICE TO ME, 'KAY?
WHA .....!?
OH, HEH HEH HEH...

MY TUMMY WILL BE WRITHING WITH BUTTER-FLIES FROM THE STRESS!!
KYU (GURGLE)
MUST I BE CON-DEMNED TO THIS SEAT FOR THE ENTIRE SECOND TERM!?

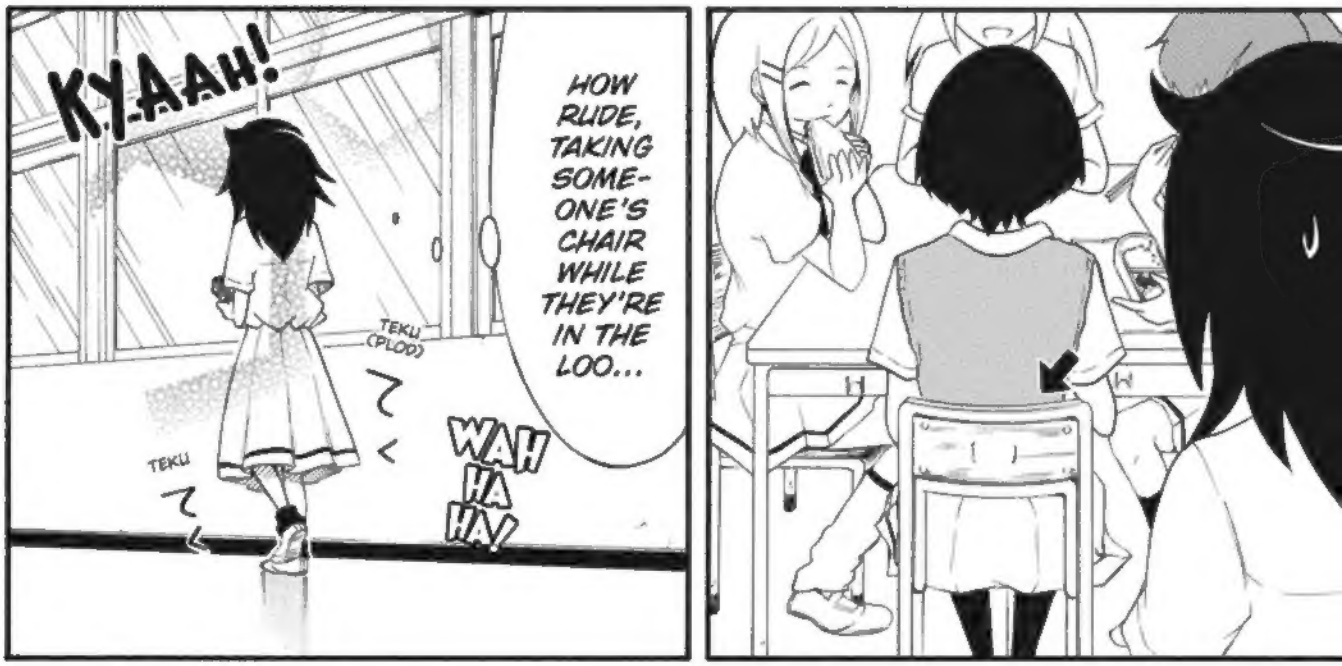
DID I MAYBE KILL HALF A DOZEN PEOPLE IN A PAST LIFE?
.....
WHAT'S GOING ON!? WHY!? WHAT DID I EVER DO TO DESERVE THIS?

NOT THAT ANYTHING ANIME WORTHY EVER HAPPENED TO ME, THOUGH...
THAT'S WHERE THE PROTAGONIST ALWAYS SITS IN ANIME OR LIGHT NOVELS...


...WITH MY SEAT IN THE BACK ROW NEXT TO THE WINDOW...
I NEVER REALIZED BEFORE HOW BLESSED I WAS DURING FIRST TERM...

ZAWA
ざわ
ZAWA
WAH-HA-HA!
ZAWA
ざわ
ざわ
ZAWA (MURMUR)
BUT NOW...
ZAWA
ざわ
IT WAS SO PEACEFUL OVER THERE. NO CHATTER-BOXES NEARBY.
AND SINCE I ONLY HAD ONE PERSON TO HIDE FROM, I COULD EVEN VISIT WEIRD SITES ON MY CELL PHONE.
AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU ALL HAVE THE DUTY OF KILLING EACH OTHER.
ZAWA
ざわ
MAN... IF ONLY WE LIVED UNDER THE BATTLE ROYALE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, AND THIS CLASS GOT SELECTED.....
THEN I'D HAVE A CHANCE OF SURVIVAL!!
LUNCH BREAK
...I'LL GRAB A NEARBY SICKLE AND SIC IT ON 'EM...!
THEY'LL TAKE ME FOR AN EASY TARGET SINCE I'M A GIRL, BUT WHEN THEY COME IN FOR THE ATTACK ...

GAYA
...MY SEAT...
GAYA
GAYA
GAYA (CHATTER)
GAYA


KYAAH!
HOW RUDE, TAKING SOME-ONE'S CHAIR WHILE THEY'RE IN THE LOO...
TEKU (PLOD)
TEKU
WAH HA HA!

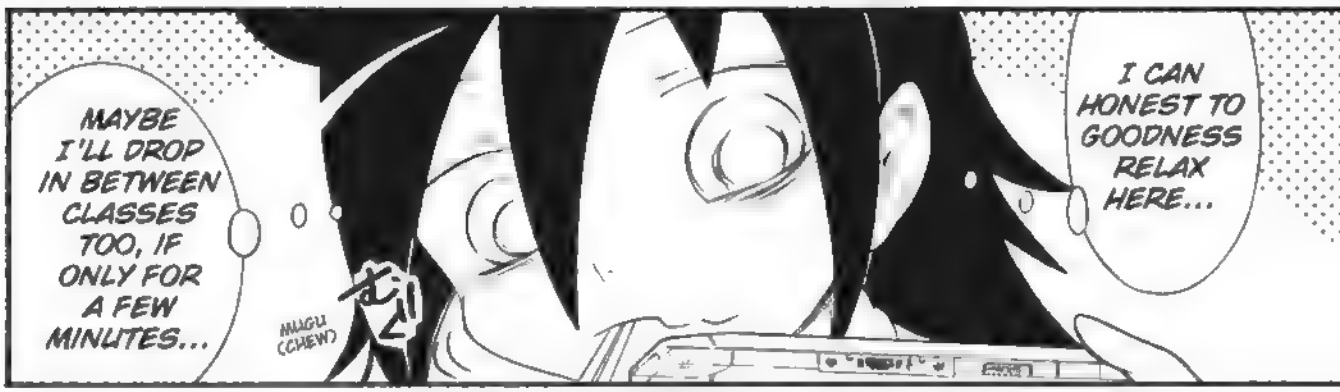
I WONDER IF THERE REALLY ARE PEOPLE WHO EAT LUNCH IN THE TOILET... IT'D BE OBVIOUS TAKING A LUNCH BOX IN THERE, BUT...
...A GIRL COULD GET AWAY WITH IT BY STUFFING IT INTO A MAKEUP BAG OR SOME-THING, RIGHT?
女子トイレ
GIRLS' BATHROOM

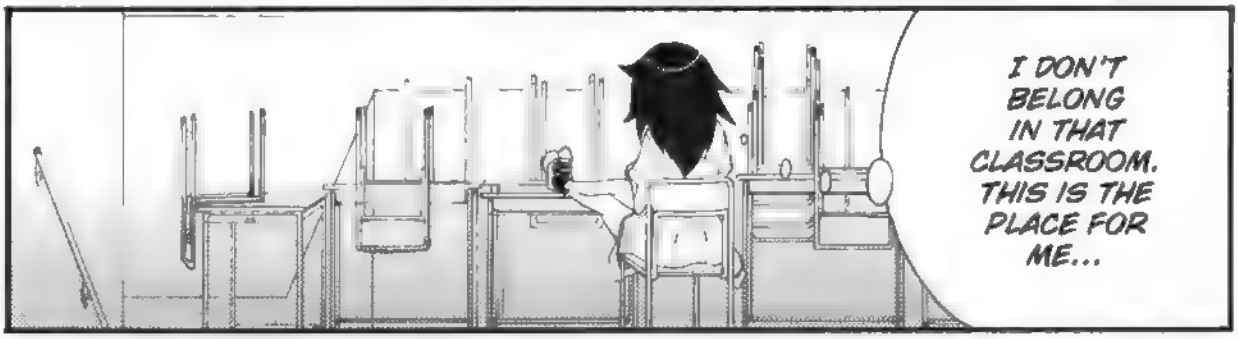
STILL, I NEED TO FIND A PLACE TO HAVE LUNCH BEFORE BREAK ENDS...
NOT THAT I'D DO SOME-THING SO... LAME.
.....
MAYBE THE ROOF?
GAKI (CLICK)
GACHA (RATTLE)
GACHA

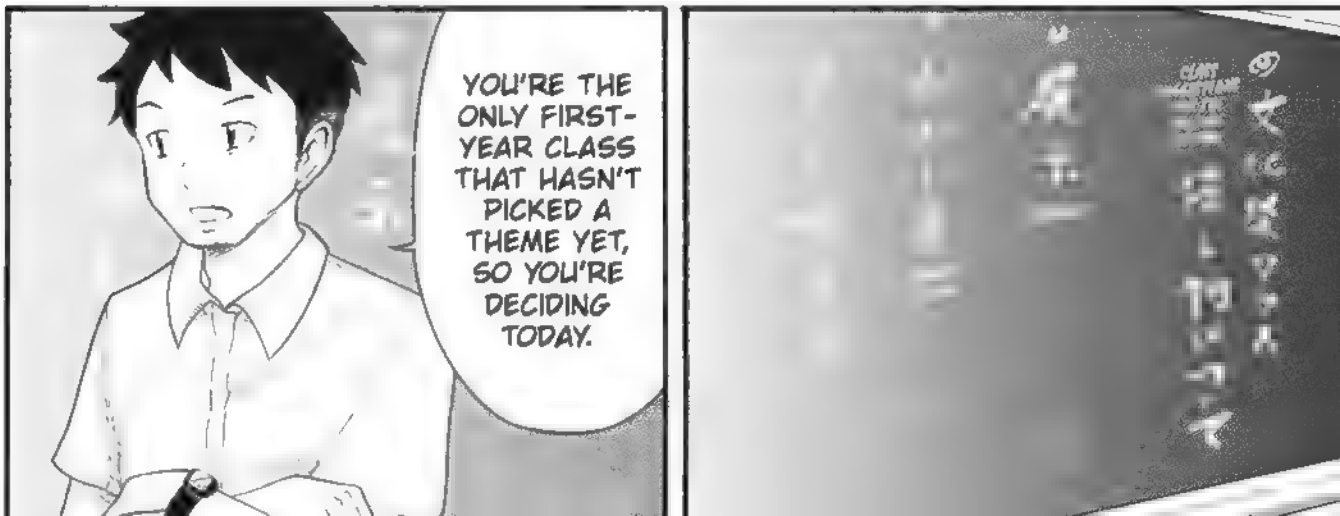
.....
I HAVE TO FIND SOME-PLACE QUICKLY, TIME'S ALMOST ...
THE JERKS CLOSED IT OFF... IT'D BE WIDE-OPEN IF THIS WERE AN ANIME OR LIGHT NOVEL!!
GOSHI
GOSHI (WIPE)
GYU (WRING)
MOKU
MOKU
MOKU (MUNCH)

DOKI
DOKI (BADUM)
HELL YEAH!
HA HA HA HA!
BIKU (FLINCH)
THAT'S WILD, YEAH?
AH HA HA HA!
Nigo-nigo Douga!
MUGU
MUGU (CHEW)
I'LL MAKE THIS MY NEW SEAT.
CHOI
CHOI (POINK)
I'M SAFE... I DOUBT ANY OF THOSE GUYS WOULD COME UP HERE.
ZAWA (MURMUR)
WAH HA HA!
.....
AH HA HA!
ZAWA
ONE WEEK LATER
AH HA HA!

PHEEEW.


I CAN HONEST TO GOODNESS RELAX HERE...
MAYBE I'LL DROP IN BETWEEN CLASSES TOO, IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES...
MUGU (CHEW)


I DON'T BELONG IN THAT CLASSROOM. THIS IS THE PLACE FOR ME...


YOU'RE THE ONLY FIRST-YEAR CLASS THAT HASN'T PICKED A THEME YET, SO YOU'RE DECIDING TODAY.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY MAID CAFÉ IDEA?
C'MON, CLASSES 2 AND 6 ARE DOING MAID CAFÉS ALREADY, AND THEY'RE SECOND- AND THIRD-YEARS.
WELL, WE COULD DO IT WITH COSPLAY STUFF, LIKE FROM DON QUIN.
ANYTHING RELATED TO FOOD WORKS FOR ME.

WELL, I DON'T CARE, AS LONG AS IT'S NOT A HAUNTED HOUSE...
...NOT AFTER STAYING AFTER SCHOOL EVERY DAY WORKING ON OUR CLASS'S HAUNTED HOUSE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

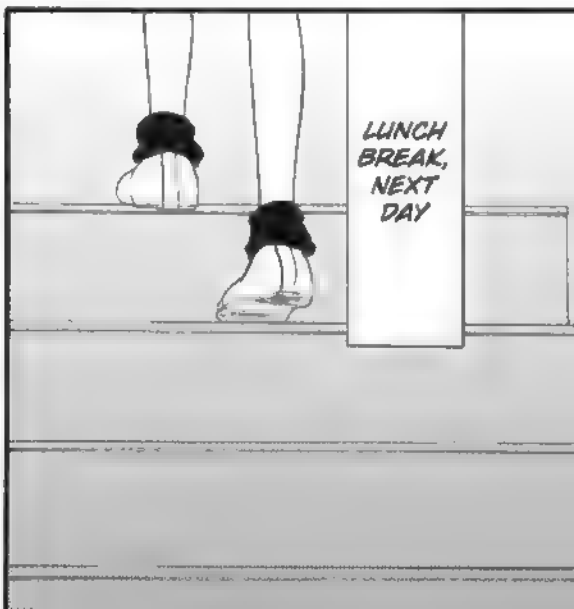
OH YEAH? EVEN IF WE, LIKE, WAITED TABLES BUTT NAKED?
WAH HA HA HA!
LAAAAME...
AH HA HA HA!

I CAN STILL REMEMBER IT NOW! THE OCH●NAN-SAN AND STRAW DOLL I WORKED SO HARD ON ENDED UP COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY BOMBING!
WHAT'S THIS PICTURE S'POSED TO BE?
BEATS ME.
MOKOCCHI...
KYAAH! THIS DOLL WAS WOVEN OUT OF REAL HAIR!?
EWW!
WHAT, REALLY? GROSS...
WHO WOULD DO THAT?

キーンコーンカーン
KIN (DING)
KAAAN (DANNG)
KOOON (DONNG)

I HEARD CLASS 1'S STAYING AFTER SCHOOL TODAY TO START PREPPING FOR THE FESTIVAL.
SERI-OUSLY!? THAT'S WAY TOO GUNG-HO!!

THE FIRST-FLOOR HALLWAY.
...
WHERE DO WE TAKE THEM?
GATA
GATA (CLATTER)


LUNCH BREAK, NEXT DAY

GARAN
(EMPTY)
.....

WAAA
WAAA (CHEER)
KYU (SQUEAK)
DAN (BOUNCE)

!?
HUP...
NOSO (SLUGGISH)

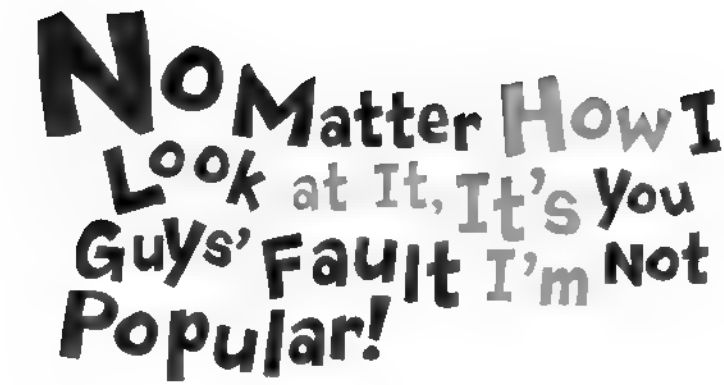
PI (FWEE)
TEAMS C AND D, YOU'RE UP!
I'M SO HUNGRY ...
KYURU (GROWL)
GUGUUU (RUMBLE)
RU
4

!?
ZURURU (FLOP)

.....?
.....ACK.
GURAAA (SPIN)

SUUU (SNOOZE)
SUUU
IT'S JUST ANEMIA. SHE SHOULD BE FINE AFTER A LITTLE REST.
OH, WHAT A RELIEF.
S-SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU... F-FARE-WELL...
保健室
INFIRMARY
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME.

GATA
GATATA
GATA (CLATTER)
PAKA (POP)
GURURURU (GROWL)
GYUUU (GURGLE)
MOKU (MUNCH)
MOKU
MOCHA
MOCHA (CHOMP)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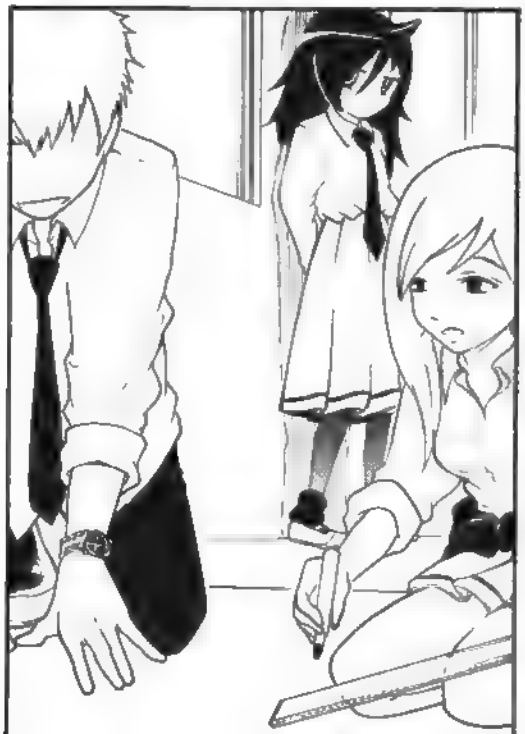
FAIL 20:
I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL MAKE PREPARATIONS.

1—10
THE DAY BEFORE THE CULTURE FESTIVAL

I FEEL AWKWARD... NOTHING TO DO... WANNA GO HOME...



...WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'LL SAY IF I DON'T AT LEAST DO SOMETHING TODAY...?
BUT I HAVEN'T PITCHED IN ON ANY OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL PREP YET.

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YOU WON'T GIVE ME ANYTHING TO DO, AND I BET YOU'LL COMPLAIN THAT I DID NOTHING AT ALL!
DAMMIT! JUST 'COS YOU GUYS ARE HAVING A BLAST MAKING CRAP DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN IGNORE THE REST OF US.

SIGN: CLASS 1-10 COSPLAY

SOME-PLACE ELSE, I GUESS.
HEY, WHERE'S NOZOMI?
GAYA
ガヤ
GAYA (GAB)
ガヤ
I HOPE YOU COME BACK AS POOP IN YOUR NEXT LIFE! AND GET REBORN AS POOP OVER AND OVER FOR ALL ETERNITY!!

I'M NOT STRAINING MYSELF! IF CUTTING PAPER'S TOO MUCH FOR ME, I'D ALREADY BE DEAD!
YEAH, IT'S OKAY.
IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE FINE! YOU DON'T NEED TO STRAIN YOUR-SELF!! THOSE GUYS'LL HANDLE IT!

OH..... WELL, UH...

YES!
OKAY, TAKE THESE...
...UHH... OKAY, SURE. I GUESS YOU CAN DO IT!

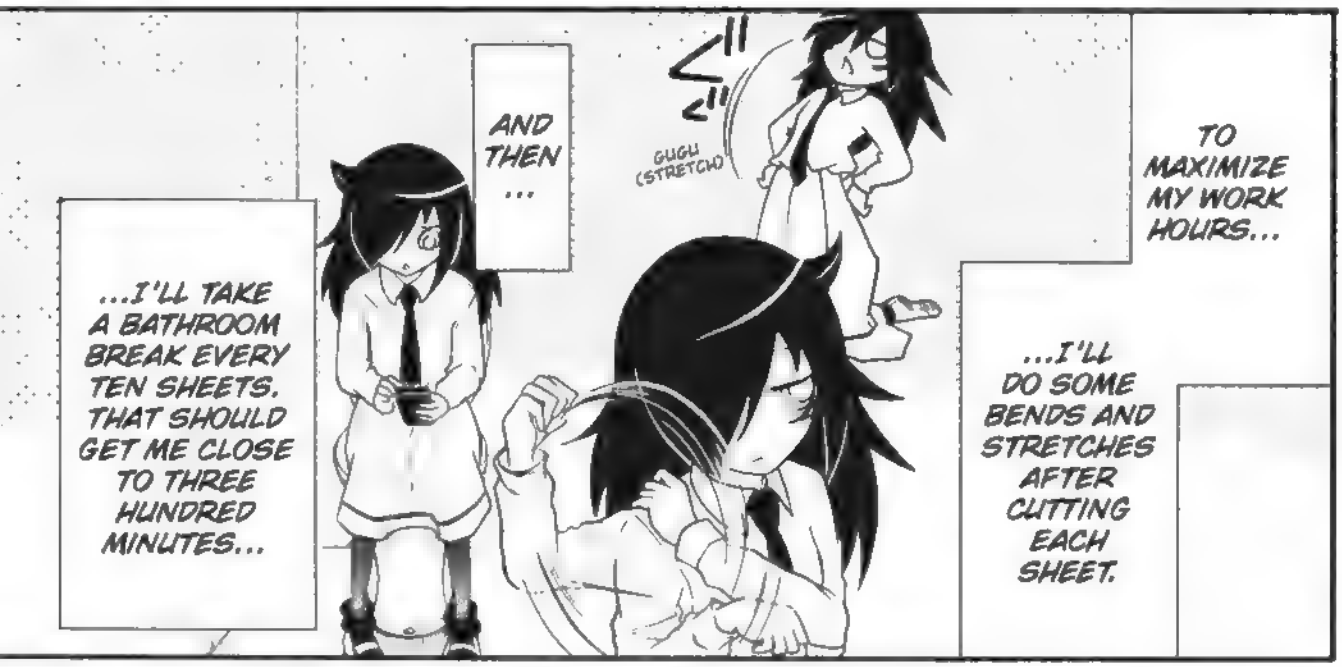
...I'M NOT BUSY, SO...
UH, BUT...
...CAN'T I DO SOME CUTTING?
I'M... REAL GOOD AT T
STILL, IF I BACK DOWN NOW, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING ELSE FOR ME TO DO.

COSPLAY
offee
RIGHT HERE!
TOTALLY TASTY!
Yummy!
SUU (SSHF) COSPLAY
coffee
Macarons
cute Ma

WAH-HA-HA!

..... THERE'S ROUGHLY A HUNDRED SHEETS HERE.

I'LL HAVE TO TAKE AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED MINUTES TO MAKE THIS TASK LAST THE WHOLE DAY.
IF I WORK SLOWLY, ONE MINUTE PER SHEET, THEN IT'LL TAKE ME A HUNDRED MINUTES. THAT MEANS I'LL BE DONE BEFORE LUNCH BREAK.


...I'LL TAKE A BATHROOM BREAK EVERY TEN SHEETS. THAT SHOULD GET ME CLOSE TO THREE HUNDRED MINUTES...
AND THEN ...
GUGH (STRETCH)
TO MAXIMIZE MY WORK HOURS...
...I'LL DO SOME BENDS AND STRETCHES AFTER CUTTING EACH SHEET.

THOSE GIRLS TOLD US TO HELP YOU...
..... HUH?

...UH, HEY...
GREAT! I CAN DO THIS! JUST MAKE EACH CUT SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY, LIKE IT'S TAKING ME A LOT OF EFFORT...

I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP, DUMB ASSES!!
GUESS SO.
CUT THEM IN QUARTERS?
.....!?
?
BESIDES, YOUR CUTTING SUCKS! IF IT'S ALL YOU GOTTA DO, YOU MIGHT AS WELL DO IT RIGHT!!
AT THIS RATE, THE JOB'LL BE OVER TOO SOON! LEARN TO TELL WHEN YOU'RE NOT WANTED!
TSUU (SSHF)
SHA (SLIT)
SHA
WHOA! THAT MANY!?
WE GOT THE COSTUMES! COME AND SEE!
SHA
SHA
SHA
DAMMIT! MY PLANS ARE ALL RUINED!
SHA

THE BOYS WILL WEAR THOSE.
WAI
HEY, ISN'T THIS FROM THAT ANIME?
SOME FROM FRIENDS, SOME FROM THE DRAMA CLUB, AND THE REST FROM THE STORE.
WAI (CHEER)
WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THOSE?
YEAH, FOR REAL! YOU'RE SO CUTE!
WHOA! IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!
HEY, KUROKI-SAN. WE HAVE AN EXTRA. CAN YOU TRY IT ON?
Y-YOU THINK? EH-HEH-HEH.
HUH? NO, I...
...!? AH!
SHA
SHA
YOU'RE GOING TO PASS OUT FLYERS IN DRAG.
WHA —!? BUT THESE ARE MAID OUTFITS !!
COSPLAY
Coffee
COSPLAY
Tea
JIWAA (OOZE)
"TOTALLY TASTY!"
Yummy!
.....
URK!?
BA (SHWP)
BLOOD ...!?

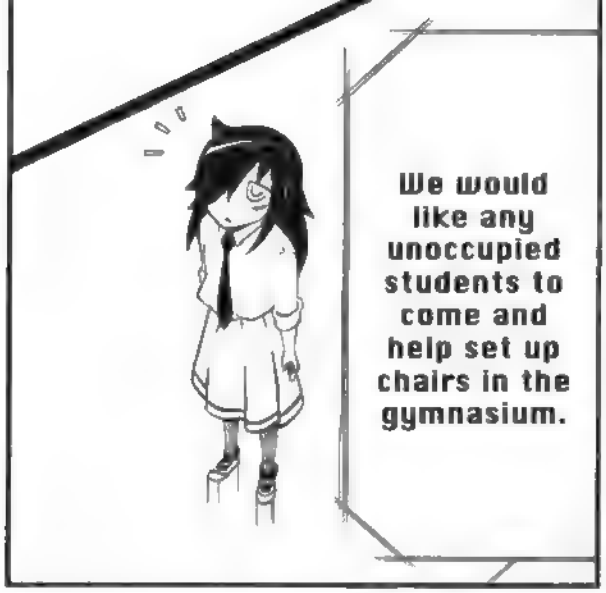
TA (DASH)
TA
TA
SA (SWF)
IT WON'T STOP! MY MOUTH'S FILLING UP WITH BLOOD!
I NEED THE NURSE ...
?
IT'S FINE. I'LL PICK THESE UP MYSELF.
SORRY ...
S—
S—
WAUGH!?
DON (WHAM)
GUH!?
SA
SA (SWF)

保健室
INFIRMARY
KYAAH!!
YIKES!?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
OH..... MY BLOOD'S ...
YIPPEE! NOW I'VE GOT AN EXCUSE TO SKIP OUT ON THE FESTIVAL PREP! SWEET.....
AT LEAST THIS MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO HELP OUT ANYMORE TODAY.
THEY SEALED THE CUT WITH A SERIOUS BANDAGE BUT TOLD ME I STILL NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH IT.
GUESS I'LL JUST WANDER THE HALLS...
IT'D BE WEIRD TO GO BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM...
.....

GYAAAN (TWANG)
GYA
GYA
TEKU (PLOD)
TEKU
KYJIIIN (SQUEECH)
A ROCK BAND...
MAYBE IF I'D JOINED THE POP MUSIC CLUB...
KIIN
KIIIN (SCREECH)
BO (BMM)
BO
BO
ZUNCHA
ZUNCHA (KACHING)
...I COULD HAVE HAD A CULTURE FEST EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS IN THE CARDS?

...WITH THE TYPES WHO'D FORM A ROCK BAND .....
I JUST CAN'T SEE MYSELF GETTING ALONG...
NO, WAIT. I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT...

MY MORE LIKELY FUTURE WOULD BE...
KUROKI-SAN'S REALLY HARD TO FIGURE OUT.
WHY'D SHE EVEN WANNA JOIN WHEN SHE DOESN'T PLAY?
ME TOO! I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S THINKING!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S A BAD PERSON...
軽音!
KEI-ON!


We would like any unoccupied students to come and help set up chairs in the gymnasium.

This is a message from the Culture Festival Committee.
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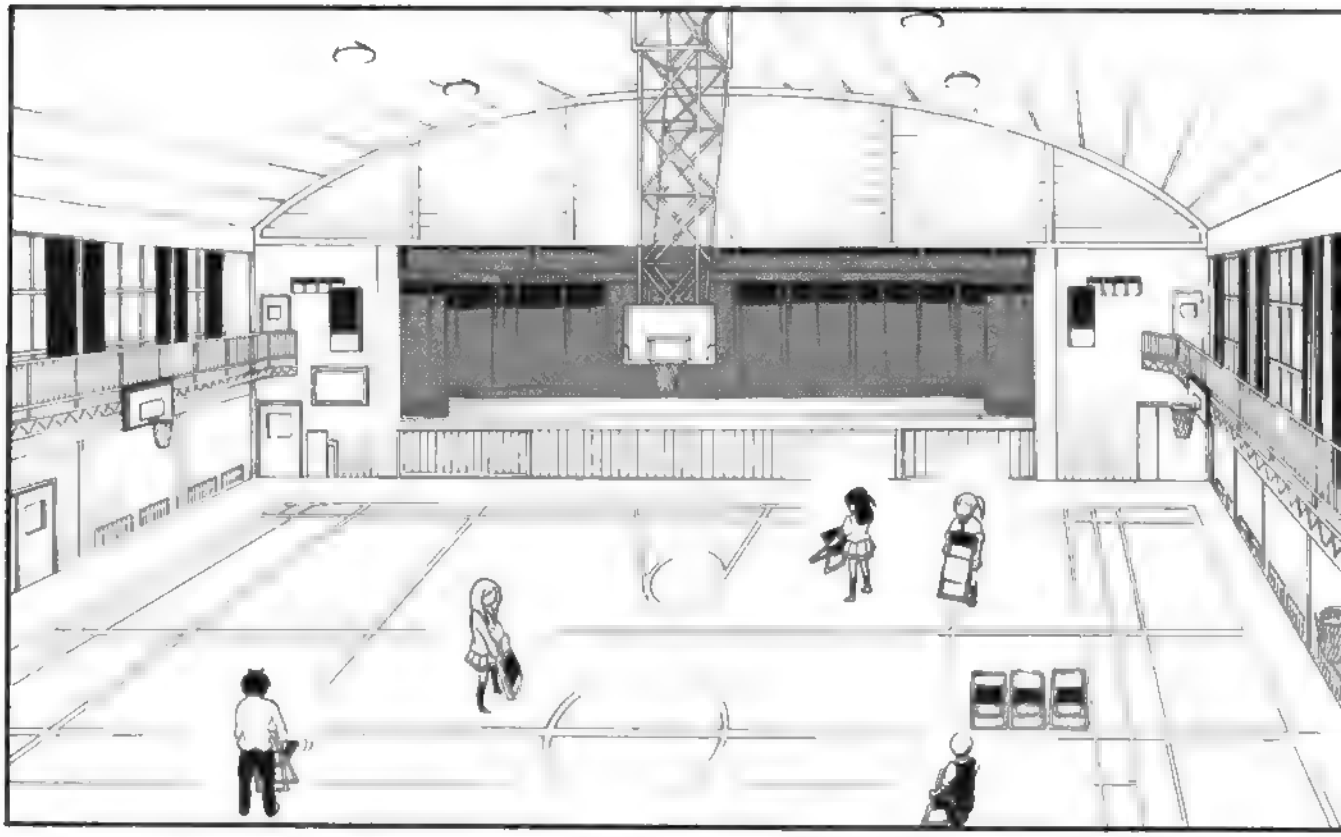
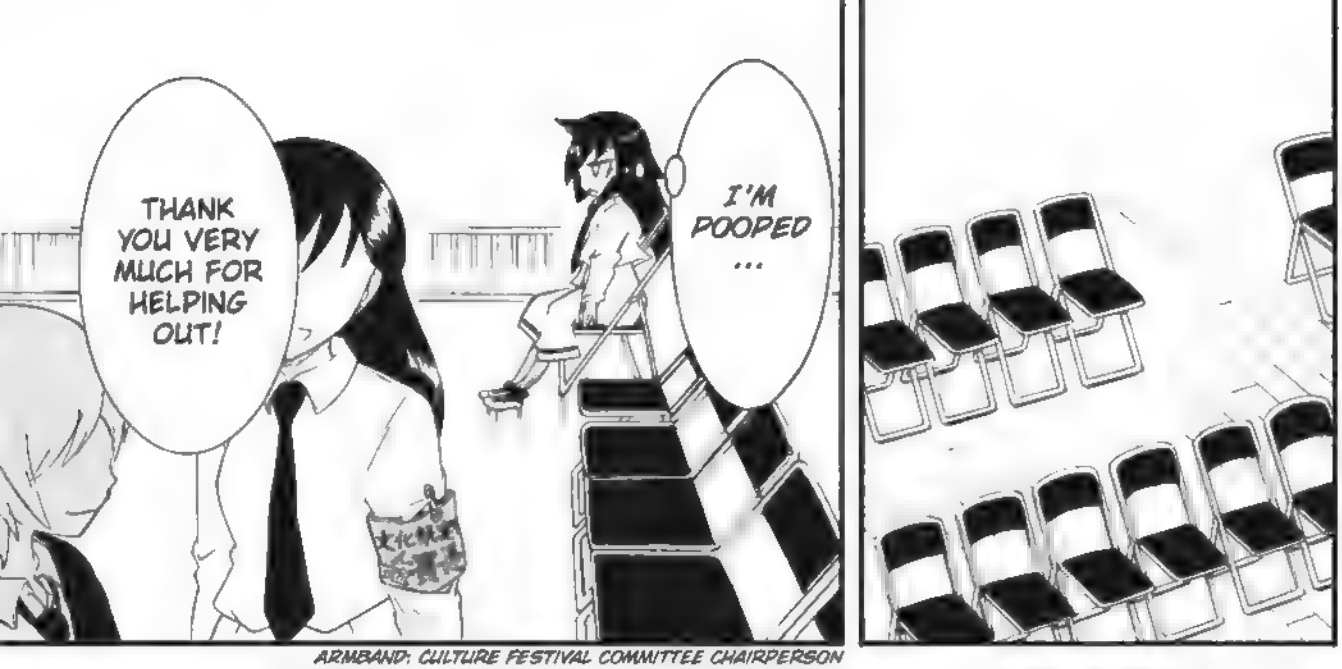
PINPONPAAAN (CHIME)
ポーン



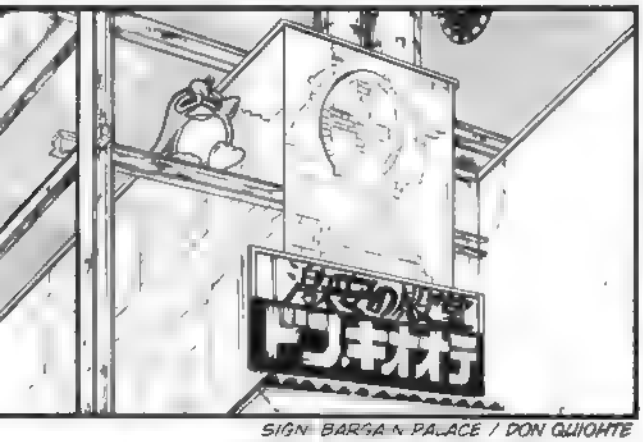
SET THAT OVER THERE.
EH, IT'S FINE. I'VE GOT NOTHING ELSE TO DO.
GATA
ガタ

SO WHY AM I DOING THIS ...?
I'M NOT HELPING MY CLASS.
ガタ
GATA (CLATTER)



ARMBAND: CULTURE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

1-10
MENU
COFFEE ¥100
TEA ¥100
MACARONS ¥100
COSPLAY
TEA ¥100
COFFEE ¥100
TAKE-AWAY AVAILABLE
OH, UH... OKAY.
PREP'S DONE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY.
AH!?
TEKU
TEKU (PLOD)
OH, HEY...
1-10
高校
HIGH SCHOOL
.....



SIGN: BARGAIN PALACE / DON QUIOHTE

fest tomorrow. It's totally embarrassing!

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Cosplay

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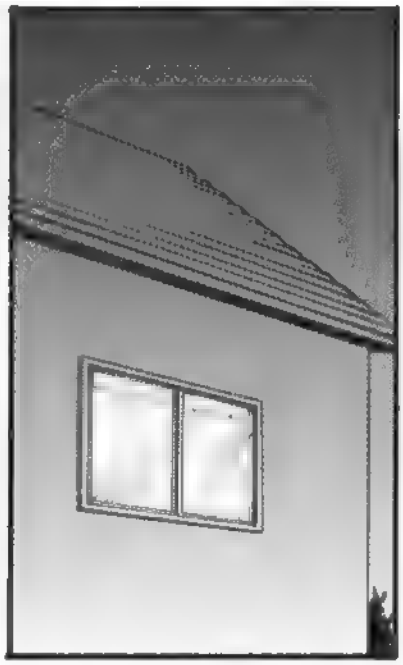
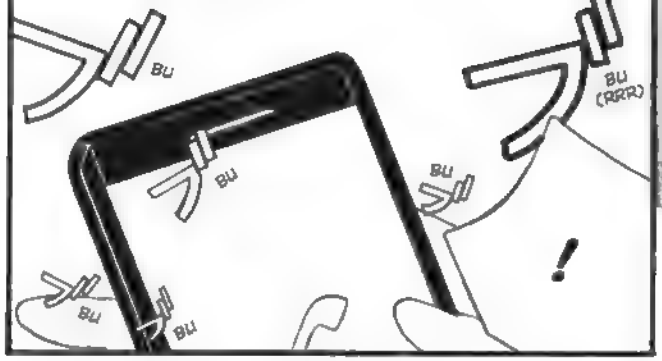
I have to serve customers like this at the culture fest tomorrow. It's totally embarrassing!

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BU (RRR)
!

OH! HI, YUU-CHAN.

EVERYONE'S BEEN WORKING HARD TO GET STUFF READY. ME TOO, THOUGH I KINDA OVERDID IT WHILE HELPING OUT.
IT SOUNDS FUN? OH, I DUNNO, MAYBE~!

UH-HUH, OUR CULTURE FEST STARTS TOMOR-ROW.
HUH!? ME, CUTE? NO, I'M NOT! I'M NOT, REALLY!

CULTURE FESTIVAL TOMORROW
.....I'LL TRY MY BEST TO HAVE FUN.....

HUH!? YOU'RE COMING? WELL, I'M JUST ON DAY ONE. DAY TWO'S ESPECIALLY .....
SURE. SEE YA!
PI (BEEP)
MOJI (FIDGET)
MOJI
OH... YOU'RE COMING THE SECOND DAY? OKAY, I'LL BE WAITING.

OH! GOOD MORNING!
ACK!?

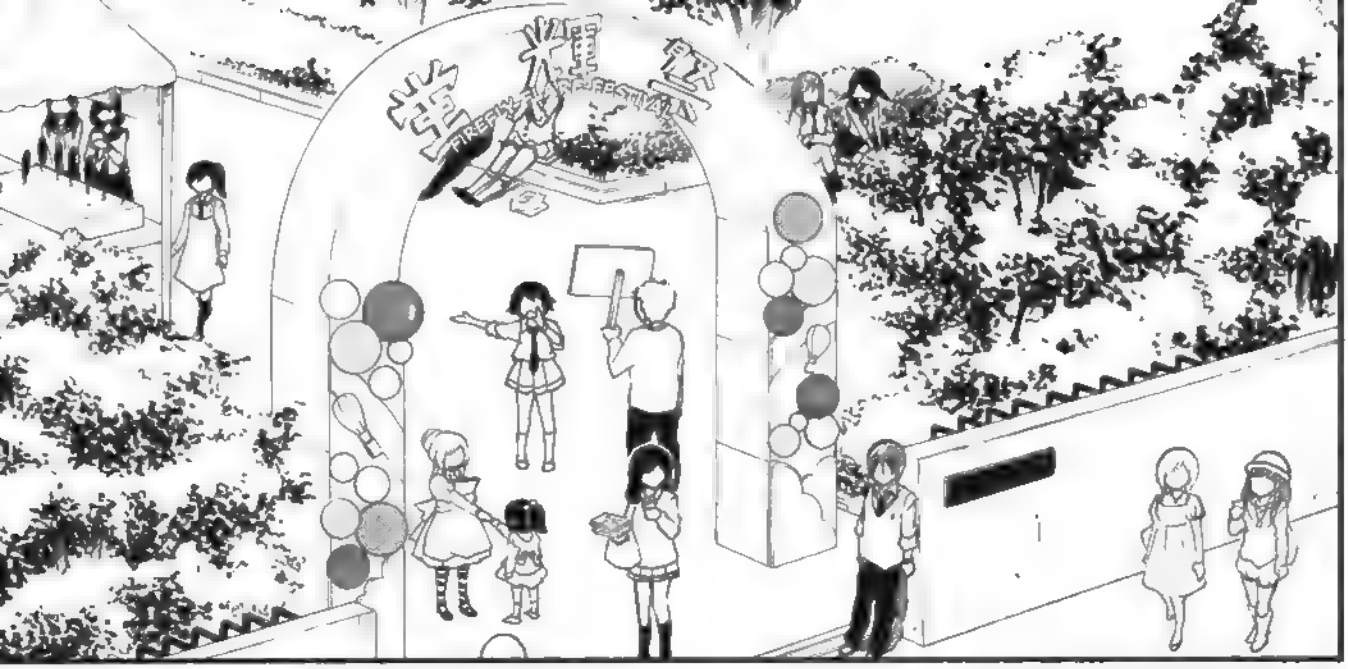
OH, PUT THAT OVER ...
HEY, CHAIR, WHERE DOES THIS GO?

I...
WELL, UH...
HUH!?
TODAY'S THE BIG DAY! HOW DID YES-TERDAY GO FOR YOU?

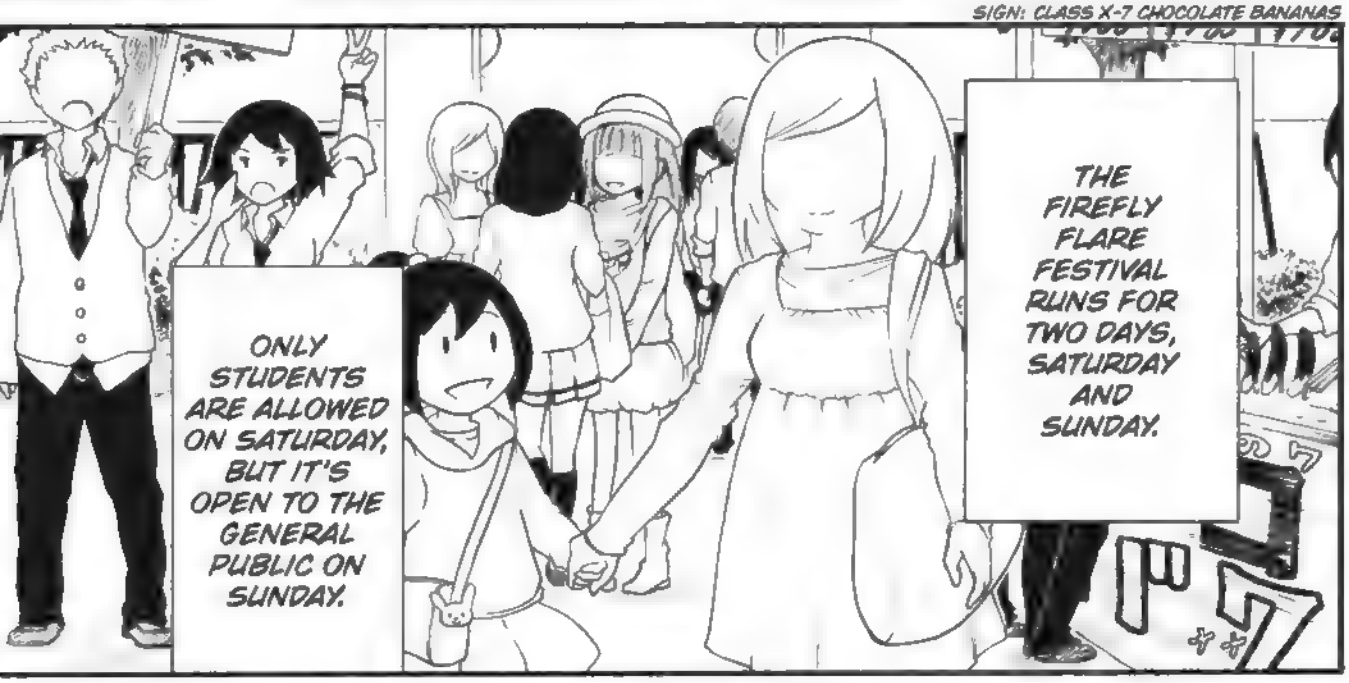
...

HUH?
SURE! LET'S KEEP AT IT!
THANKS A LOT!

FAIL 21: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL BE IN THE CULTURE FEST.



SIGN: CLASS X-7 CHOCOLATE BANANAS


ONLY STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED ON SATURDAY, BUT IT'S OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON SUNDAY.
THE FIREFLY FLARE FESTIVAL RUNS FOR TWO DAYS, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

YESTERDAY WAS THE WORST DAY EVER.
THERE WAS NOTHING FOR ME TO DO YESTERDAY. NOTHING TO DO TODAY, EITHER, BUT.....
BOOOO (SPACED)
ぼーーー
THE WATER ISN'T BOILING YET!?
QUICK, WASH THESE CUPS!

HUH!? UH...ER... OKAY...
WANT SOME TAKO-YAKI?
...WHEN I GOT PUSHED INTO BUYING TAKOYAKI.
THANKS MUCH!
2-4 タコヤキ
SIGN: 2-4 TAKOYAKI / TASTY!

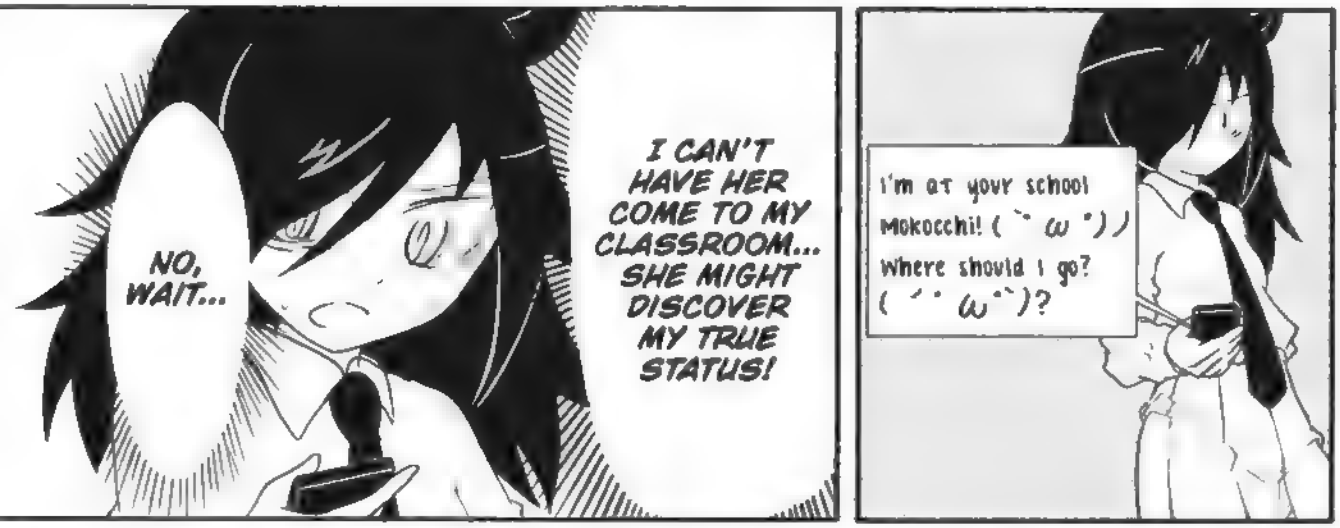
TEKU (PLOD)
てく
TEKU
I WAS JUST ROAMING THE HALLS WITH NOTHING TO DO...
4
焼
SEAT: RESERVED FOR 2-4 TAKOYAKI

...I WENT TO THE GYM, HOPING TO KILL SOME TIME LISTENING TO THE WIND ENSEMBLE PERFORM.....

MY LOCAL YOK●DO MAKES IT BETTER THAN THIS.....
AFTER I ATE THAT NASTY TAKO-YAKI...
4
焼

THEN THEY MADE US ALL DO SOME KINDA WEIRD DANCE...
BUT THE POP MUSIC CLUB TOOK THE STAGE PARTWAY THROUGH, AND I ENDED UP HAVING TO HOLD A LIGHT STICK...
...I BARFED UP THE TAKO-YAKI .....
...AND AFTER ALL THAT MOVING AND SHAKING AROUND...
AFTER THAT, I JUST BUMMED AROUND IN AN ISOLATED STAIRWELL UNTIL THE FESTIVAL WAS OVER.

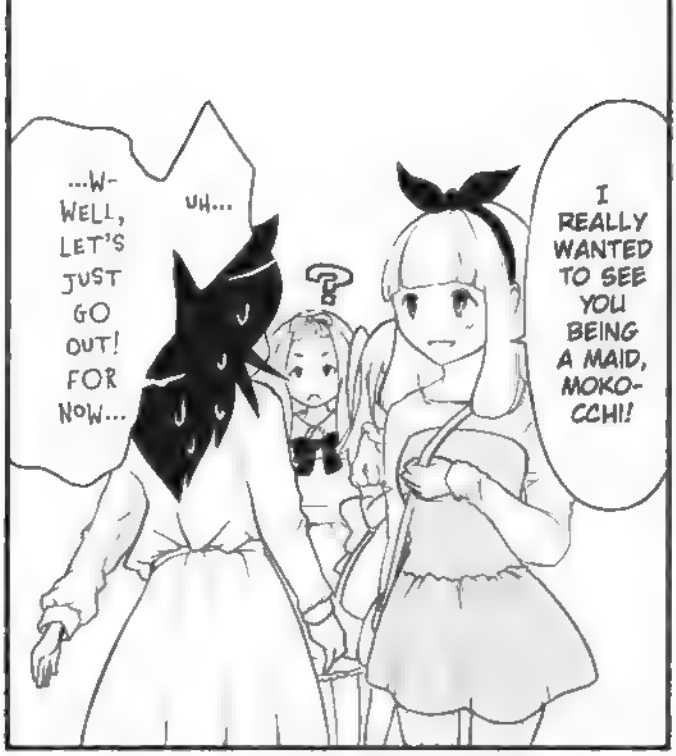
MAYBE IF YUU-CHAN'S WITH ME, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE CULTURE FESTIVAL TOO.
BU (RRRR)
BU
BU
BATA (SLAM)
PAPER PLATES
WELL, THE HAVING NOTHING TO DO PART IS THE SAME AS YESTERDAY, BUT TODAY YUU-CHAN WILL BE HERE.
BATA

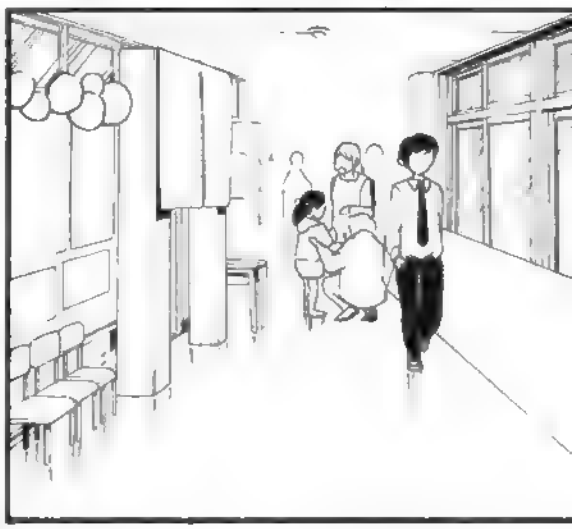

NO, WAIT...
I CAN'T HAVE HER COME TO MY CLASSROOM... SHE MIGHT DISCOVER MY TRUE STATUS!
I'm at your school Mokocchi! (˙˘˙ ω ˙˘˙) ノ Where should I go? (˙˘˙ ω ˙˘˙)?

I'm in 1-10.
KACHI (CLICK)
KACHI
?
THIS BITCH HERE'S MY FRIEND!
IF SHE DOES COME HERE, THEN I MAY BE ABLE TO SHOW OFF MY CUTE FRIEND TO THE JERKS IN MY CLASS...

MOKOCCHI! HI!
Y...
YUU-CHAN...
1-10 Class Members Only! Everyone else, stay out!
CHIRA (PEEK)
ZORO
!?
ZORO (FLOCK)
GABA (GLOMP)
IT'S BEEN SO LONNNG!
GUH !!?

HFF!
HFF!
SUN
SUN (SNIFF)
SUN
HFF!
CRAP, AND OF COURSE SHE'S ABSOLUTELY REEKING OF FEMALE.
WHA—!? WHY'D SHE HUG ME ALL OF A SUDDEN!? SHE WAS NEVER THIS OUTGOING IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ...!!
SHE'S EVEN GOT HER BOOBS PRESSED AGAINST ME FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE. WHAT A TOTAL BITCH!!
DAMMIT! SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL GRAB HER ASS ...!!
SOOO (SNEAK)
MISSED MY CHANCE TO COP A FEEL...
UHH...
YEAH...
AH...
ME TOO.
GA (PART)
IT REALLY HAS BEEN A WHILE! I MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

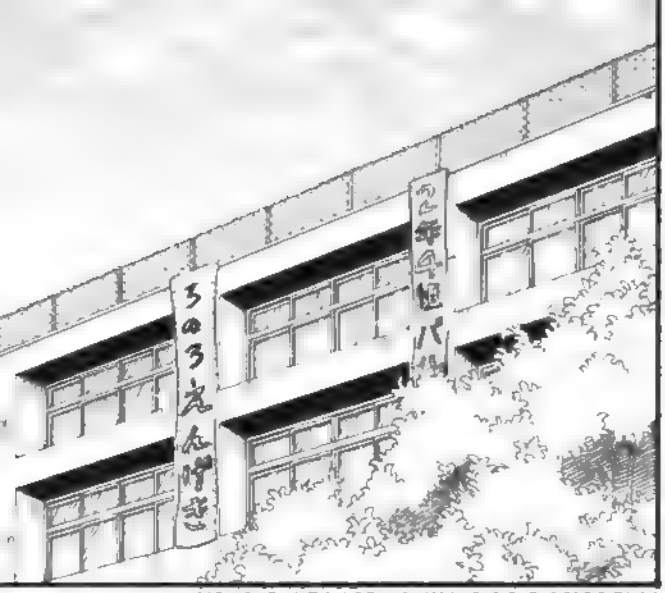




SIGN: 3-B SAFARI PARK

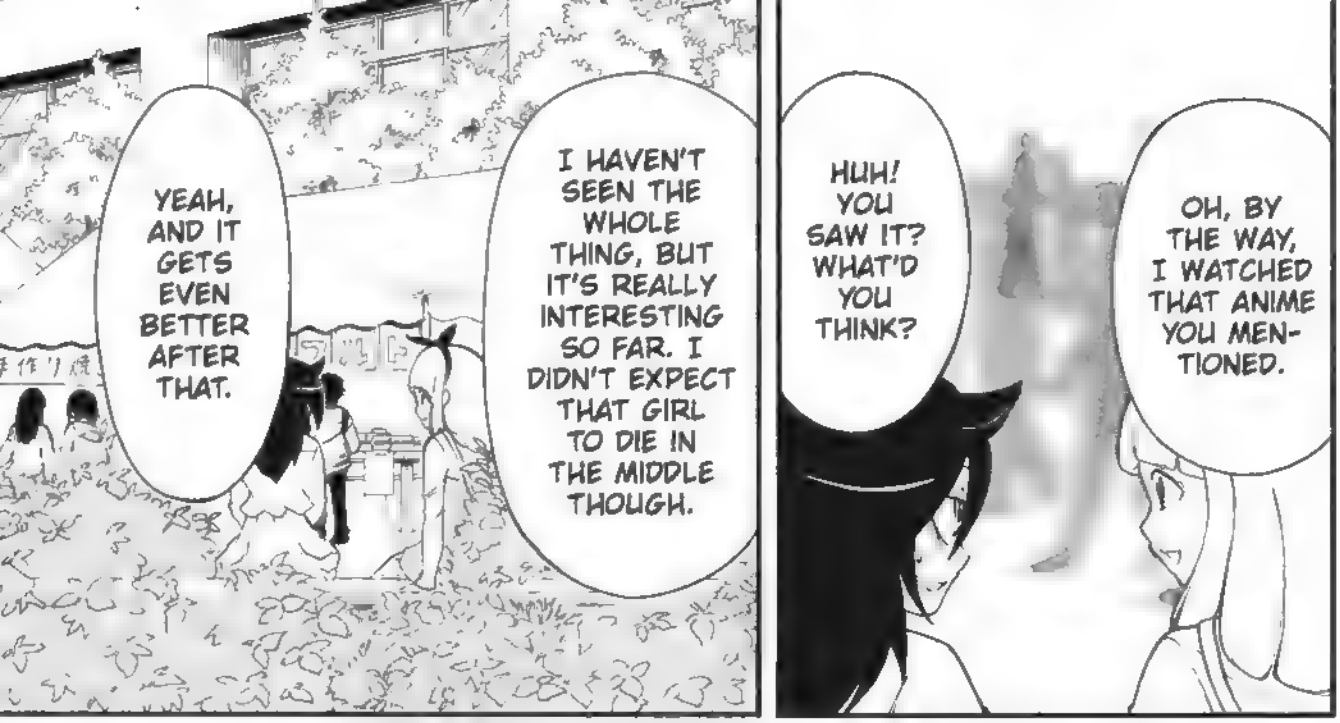
FOR A SECOND, I FORGOT ABOUT BEING A LONER AT THE FESTIVAL.
NOT FOR ANY DIRTY REASONS. IT'S MORE THAT YUU-CHAN'S HUG MADE ME FEEL AT PEACE, OR MAYBE IT DISPELLED MY LONELINESS OR SOME-THING...
.....I WONDER IF I COULD GET ANOTHER HUG OUTTA HER, LIKE BEFORE...
HAUNTED HOUSE
HMM?
YUU-CHAN ...
STILL, HUGGING HER OUT OF THE BLUE WOULD COME OFF AS WEIRD...
DON'T BE AFRAID. I'M RIGHT HERE.
IT'S JUST SO SCARY...
IT'S A CLICHE,,BUT THIS COULD HAPPEN...
SAWA (TOUCH)
SAWA
TEKU
TEKU
SINCE WE'RE HERE, WANNA GO IN?
S—
WOW! THIS LOOKS MUCH BETTER THAN THE ONE WE DID IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

USELESS PIECES OF SHIT ...!! YOU CAN'T EVEN SCARE JUST ONE LOUSY FEMALE ...!
TRASH! SCUM!
出口 EXIT
FIVE MIN-UTES LATER
IT WASN'T ALL THAT SCARY.
YEAH, TELL ME ABOUT IT.
Y—
!
...HERE, YUU-CHAN.
AH! MOKO-CCHI!?
DAMMIT! NOW I HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY!!
DA (DASH)
NAH, PLEASE DON'T. THIS IS ALL MY TREAT!
WOW, THANK YOU! JUST A SEC, LET ME GET OUT MY WALLET.
B-BUT...
HUH?
I BOUGHT THESE FOR YOU. EAT UP...
HFF!
HFF!

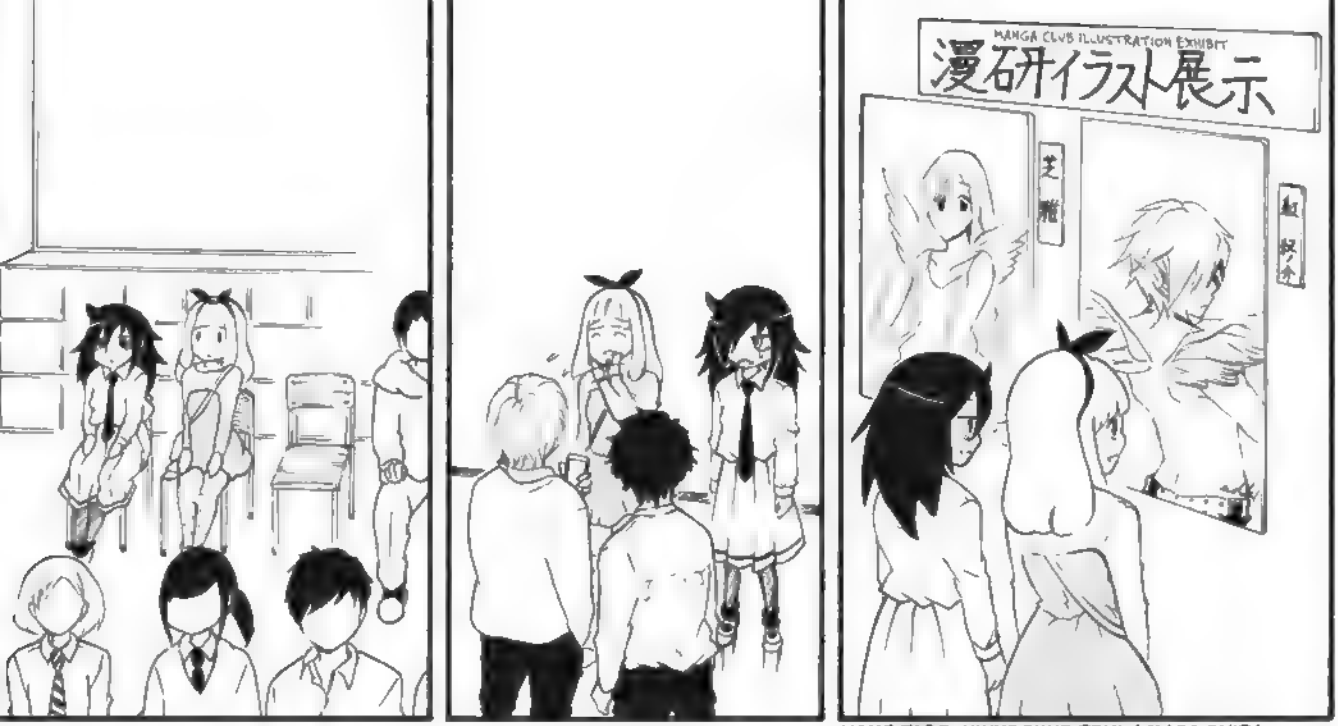


SIGNS: 2-4 BALLOON ANIMALS / 3-3 STAGE PLAY

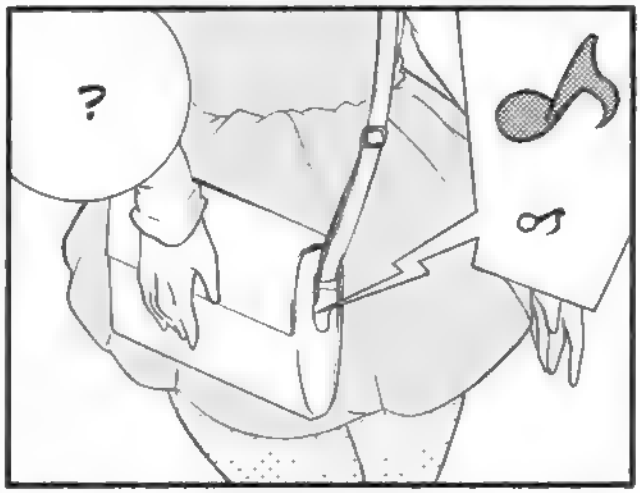
MOKOCCHI, I CAN'T EAT ALL THIS FOOD, SO YOU CAN HAVE THIS TOO.
OUT OF EVERYTHING SHE COULDA BOUGHT, SHE JUST HAD TO GET THE TAKOYAKI...
THE SAME KIND I THREW UP.


YEAH, AND IT GETS EVEN BETTER AFTER THAT.
I HAVEN'T SEEN THE WHOLE THING, BUT IT'S REALLY INTERESTING SO FAR. I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT GIRL TO DIE IN THE MIDDLE THOUGH.
HUH! YOU SAW IT? WHAT'D YOU THINK?
OH, BY THE WAY, I WATCHED THAT ANIME YOU MENTIONED.

SIGNS: HOT DOGS / HANDMADE GRILLED—



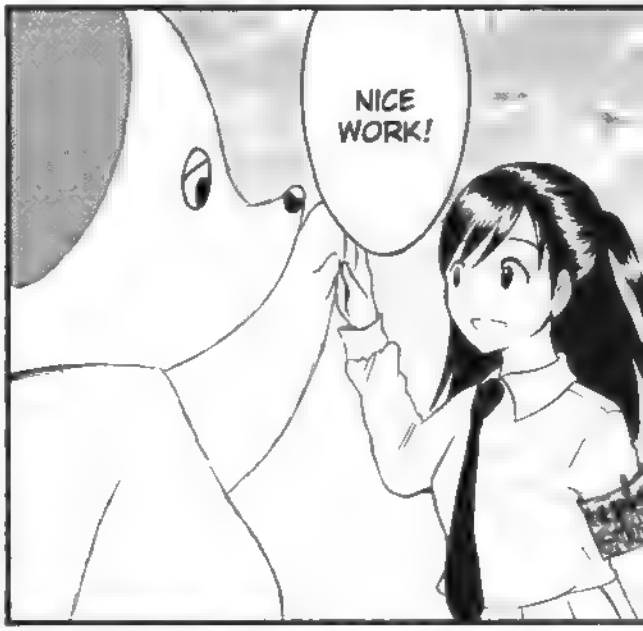
NAME TAGS: KINNOSUKE BENI / MASA SHIBA



SCHOOL BUILDING
SCHOOL GATE (EXIT)
THANKS FOR VISITING OUR SCHOOL!

JUST ONE HOUR UNTIL IT'S ALL OVER...

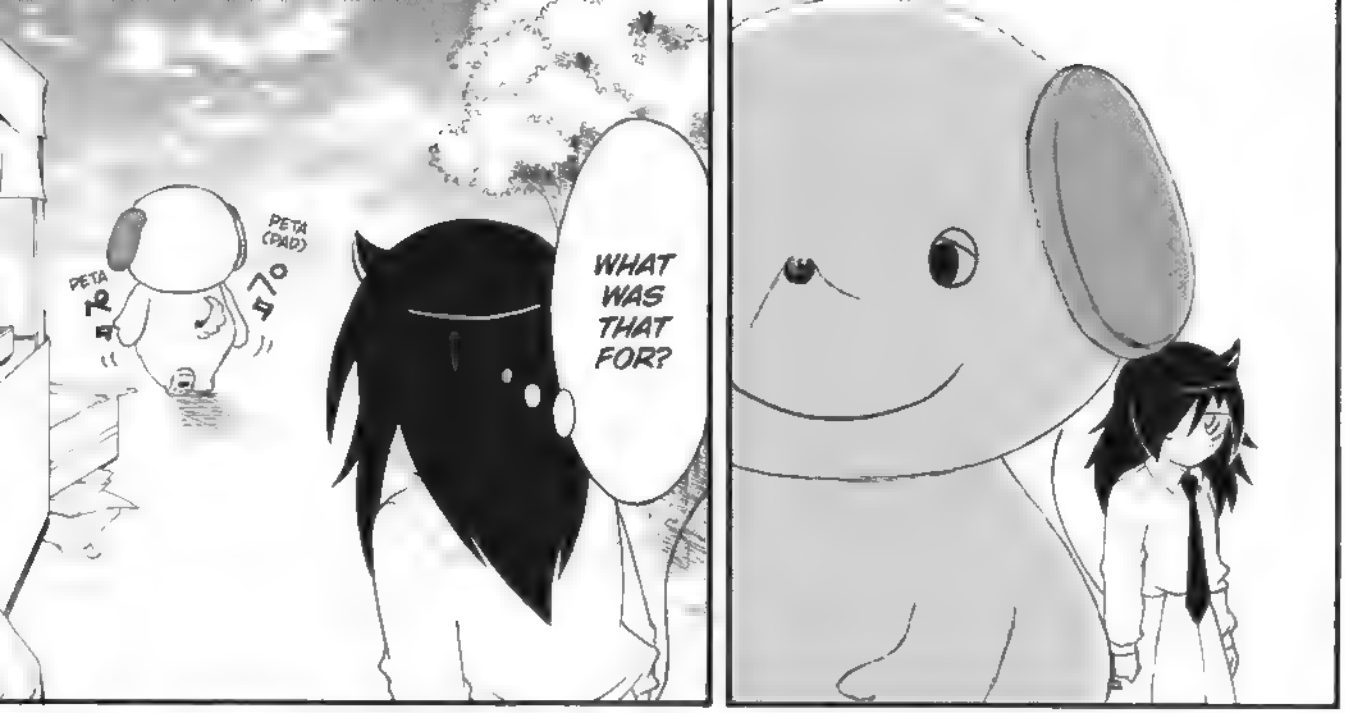
MOST OF THE VISITORS HAVE LEFT ALREADY, SO YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK.
IT'S TOO HOT IN THIS.


NICE WORK!

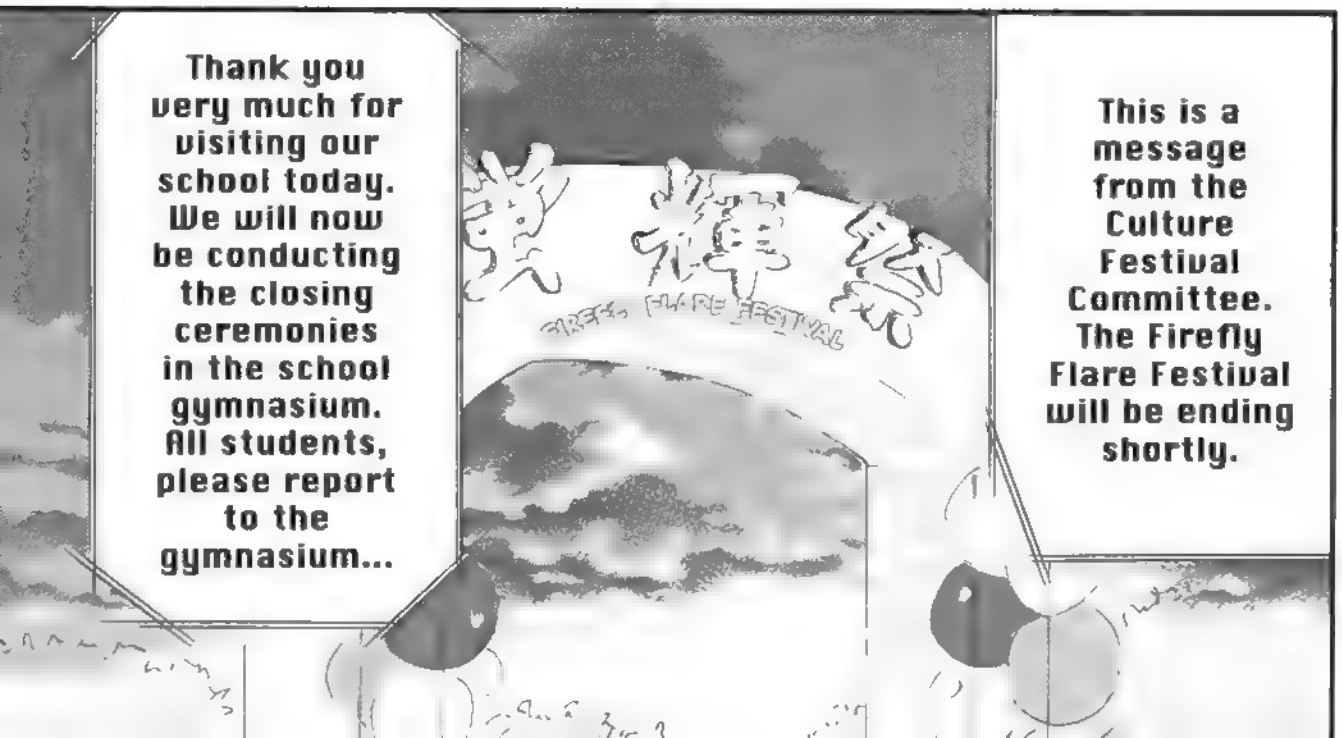
SURE, BUT YOU'LL WRINKLE YOUR UNIFORM.
CAN I BORROW THAT FOR A BIT?

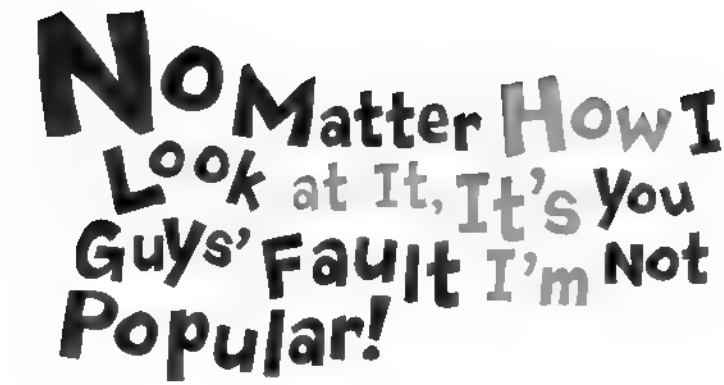
SO I SEEEE!
!
WE'VE STILL GOT SOME BALLOONS LEFT.

?
?
!?
BIKU (FLINCH)
SIGNS: 2-4 TAKOYAKI
WHA —?
HUH?
GYU (HUG)


PETA
PETA (PAD)
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

WELL, WHAT-EVER.


Thank you very much for visiting our school today. We will now be conducting the closing ceremonies in the school gymnasium. All students, please report to the gymnasium...
This is a message from the Culture Festival Committee. The Firefly Flare Festival will be ending shortly.


No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

I'M MOSTLY USED TO THIS SEAT.
AS LONG AS I DON'T LEAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM OR SOMETHING DURING LUNCH, MY CHAIR WON'T GET TAKEN AWAY...
WITH THE CULTURE FESTIVAL OVER, THE PEACE OF DAILY LIFE HAS FINALLY RETURNED.
FAIL 22:
I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL GET MY PICTURE TAKEN.
PIKU (PERK)
REALLY?
WOW, AREN'T HER EYES A LITTLE BIG?
WANNA GO TRY IT OUT TODAY?
IT CAN MAKE YOUR LEGS NICE AND SLIM TOO.
A GIRL I MET AT THE CULTURE FEST.
WHO'S IN THIS PURI?
AGU (BITE)
OH YEAH... MUST BE A PURIKURA... ONLY FLASHY, TRASHY PEOPLE USE THOSE THINGS. THEY DON'T INTEREST ME...
BIG EYES?
PURI ...?
SLIM LEGS?

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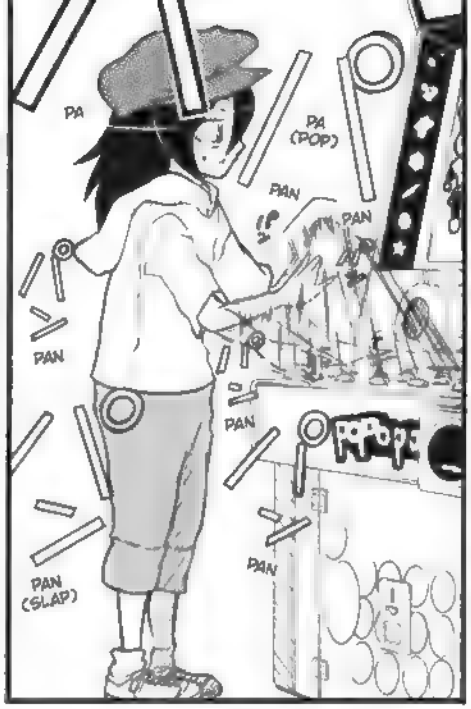
CHIRA (GLANCE)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PA (POP)
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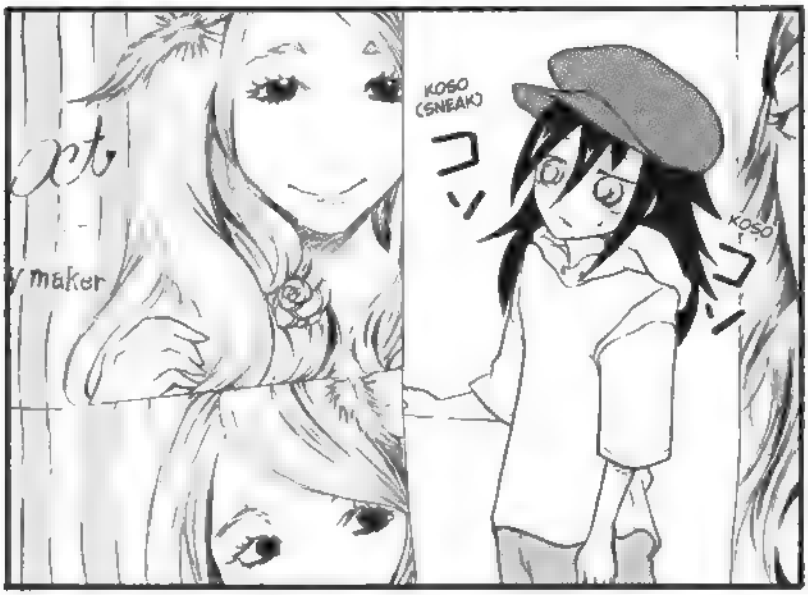
PAN
PAN
PAN
PAN
PAN (SLAP)

A FEW DAYS LATER


KOSO (SNEAK)
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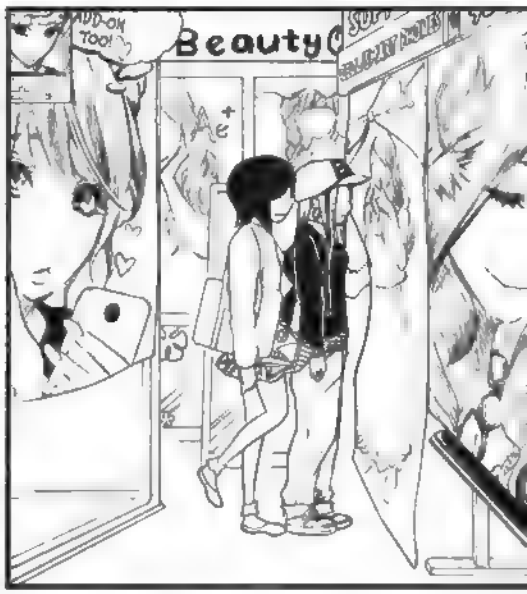
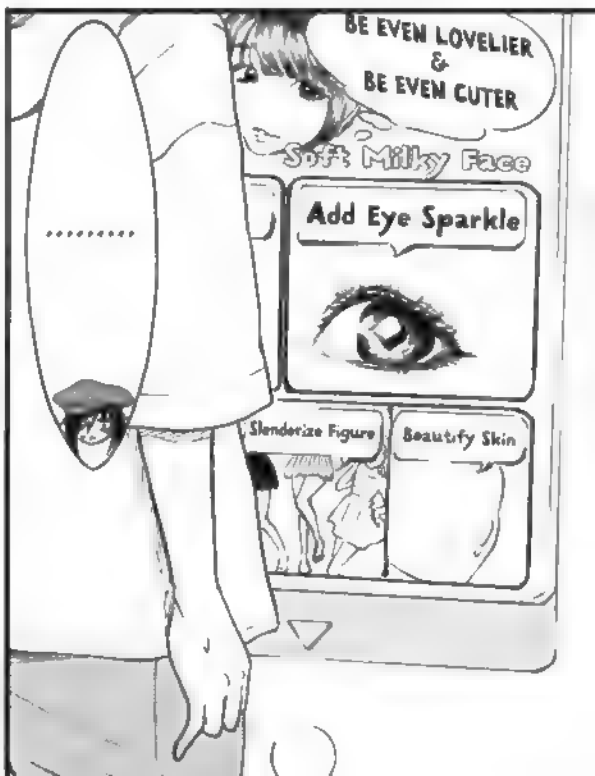
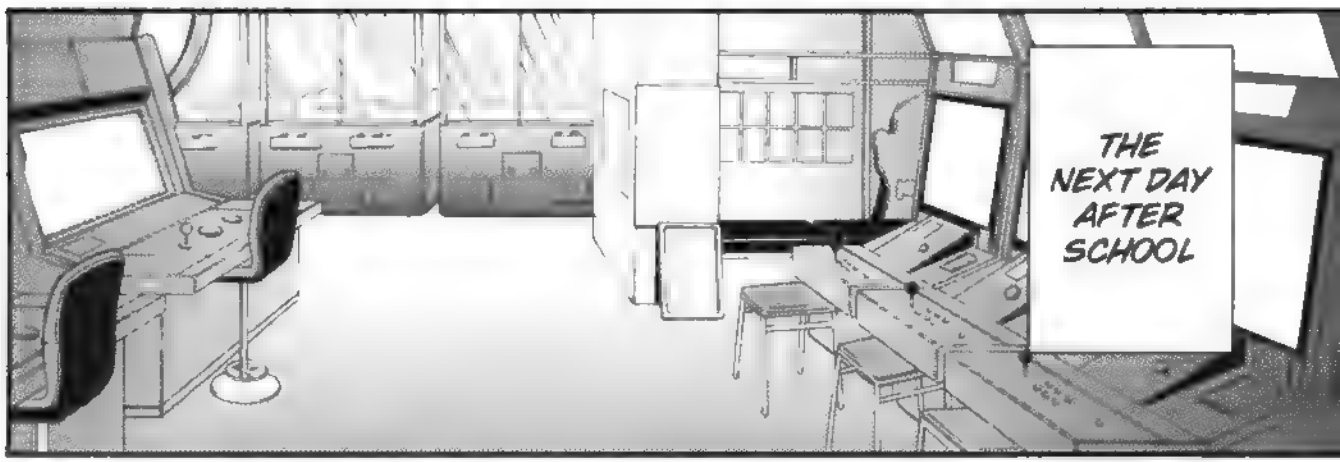

Beauty

ZORO (CROWD)
ZORO
OH, LOOK, LOOK! HERE'S THE NEW ONE!
SA (SWOOSH)


.....
BE EVEN LOVELIER & BE EVEN CUTER
Soft Milky Face
Add Eye Sparkle
Slenderize Figure
Beautify Skin

MAGAZINE: GIRL'S STYLE / ARCANA FAMIGLIA / UTA NO PRINCE-SAMA!

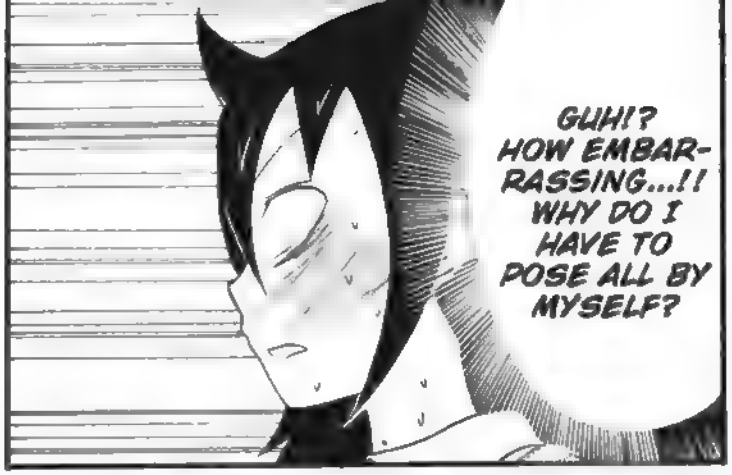
HEY... WANNA GO TRY A PUR●-KURA?
NAH, I'M GOOD.
OKAY, FINE.....


THE NEXT DAY AFTER SCHOOL

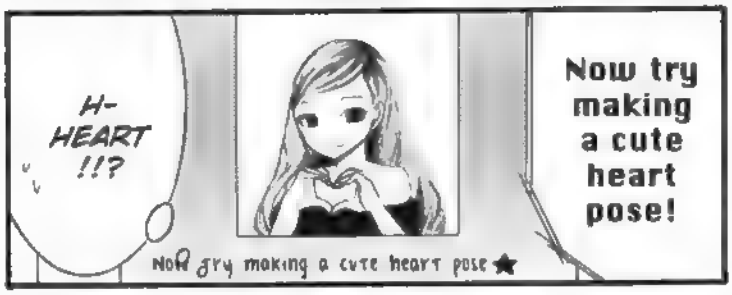
KYORO (SWIVELS)
SA (SWOOSH)
KYORO

NOBODY'S AROUND! IT'S NOW OR NEVER ...!!

Let's take some cute photos!
!?
¥400 ...? PRICEY ...
CHARIN (CLINK)
Okay, time to get your picture taken! Let's strike a cute pose!
CUTE POSE !!?
Make a peace sign at your chin!
Three, two, one!
WAIT, WHAT!!? IT'S GOING ALREADY!? TH-THAT'S TOO FAST ...!!


GUH!? HOW EMBARRASSING...!! WHY DO I HAVE TO POSE ALL BY MYSELF?

KASHA (SNAP)


H-HEART !!?
Now try making a cute heart pose!
Now try making a cute heart pose★

D-DUCK ...? UH...
Now make a duck mouth!
ke a duck mouth★

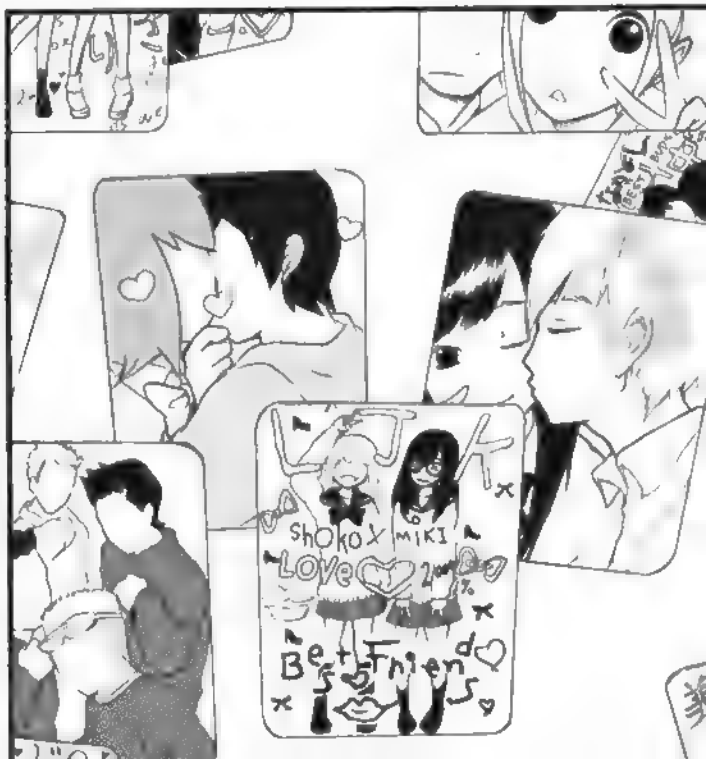
KASHA

KASHA

WAIT, HOW MANY IS IT TAKING !?
Now a cute "Tee-hee! Silly me!" pose!
I DID IT WRONG! THAT WASN'T A DUCK MOUTH! I JUST STUCK OUT MY CHIN!!

And last, give us your best smile!
KASHA
Now we'll take a full-length photo. Strike a cute pose!
KASHA
KEEP GOING
ALL DONE
FALSE EYELASHES
COLOR CONTACTS
CAN OTHER PEOPLE KEEP THEIR COOL THROUGH ALL THAT?
IT'S HOPELESS FOR ME...
IT'S FINALLY OVER!
Good work! Add some fun touches to your pics!
!
SUKA (CLIP)
THAT JERKWAD LITTLE BROTHER OF MINE ...!
IF ONLY I WASN'T ALL BY MYSELF .....

.....
MY
¥400.
Other People's Pudding
Idol Face
TEE-HEE!
SILLY
ME!!
Thu. 16 22


SHOKO X MIKI
LOVE
Best Friends

SHIRT: KUROKI

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INES

Maybe Bad
24th Very Unluck
30th Very Unlucky

XY Shopping Arc

Kanto Regional Middle School Soccer Tournament Partici

ILLY
ME!

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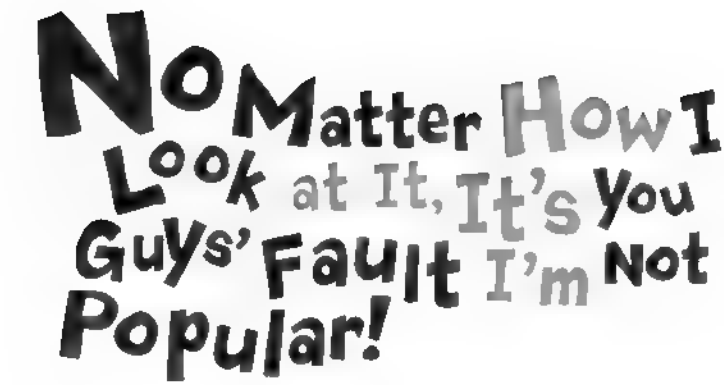
WORLD SOCCER
Winners Eleven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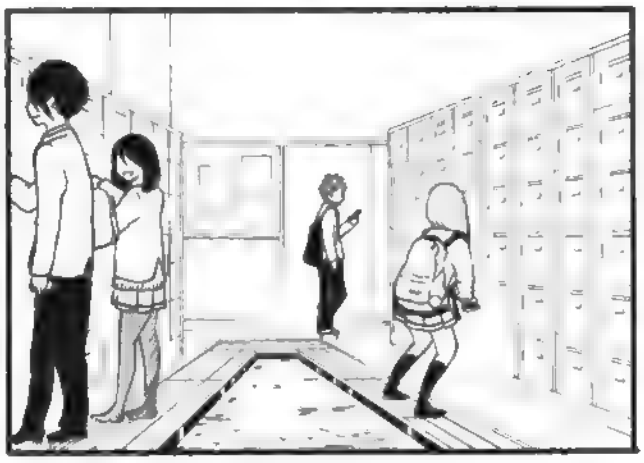
FAIL 23: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO THE WEATHER'S LOUSY.

GOING TO SCHOOL ON A RAINY DAY



!?
OH! MORNING!
HEYA.

HE'D SEE YOU IN CLASS ANYWAY.
GEEZ, COULD THE DAY GET ANY WORSE!? WHY'D I HAVE TO LET HIM SEE ME LIKE THIS?

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ...?
NO, YOU'RE FINE! IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT WEIRD.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME TO SCHOOL WITH MY HAIR LIKE THIS! I'M GOING HOME!!

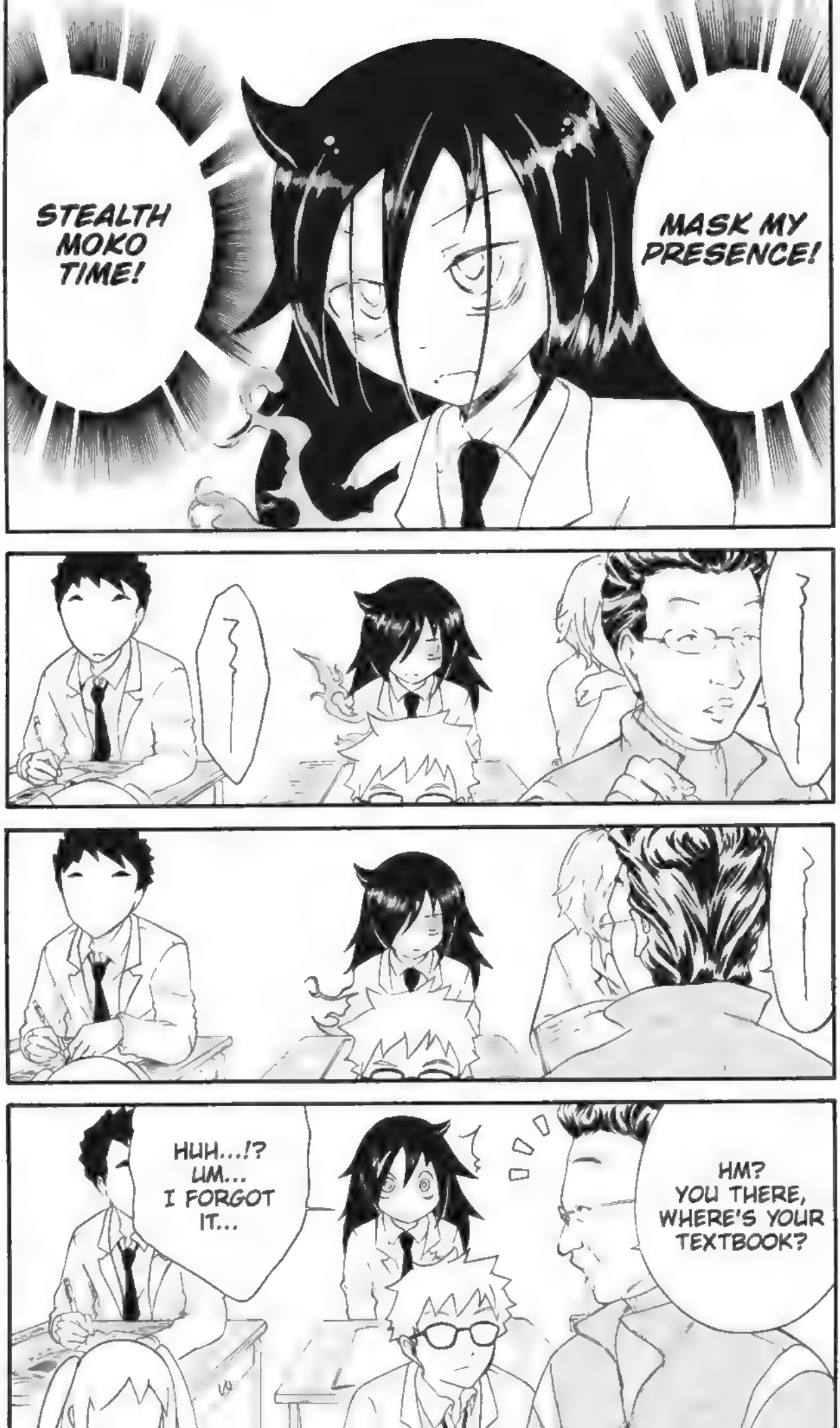
PSYCH QUIZ

HERE'S A PSYCH QUIZ.
OKAY.
ONE PATH GOES INTO A GROVE, THE OTHER INTO A DENSE FOREST.
DO YOU (1) GO INTO THE GROVE, (2) GO INTO THE FOREST, (3) GET SCARED AND GO BACK?
WELL? WHICH ONE?
YOU'RE HAVING A DREAM WHERE YOU'RE WALKING DOWN A PATH ACROSS A FIELD AND THE PATH FORKS OFF.
"ONE," I GUESS ...
I PICK "THREE."
I'D DO "TWO."
THOSE WHO PICK "THREE" ARE NOT VIRGINS.
AH HA HA!
HEH, SO, WHAT'S "ONE" MEAN?
"ONE" JUST MEANS YOU'RE A VIRGIN.
PIKU (TWITCH)
BUT "TWO" MEANS YOU'RE A VIRGIN FOR LIFE!
VIRGIN... FOR LIFE!? SO I'M NOT EVEN A NORMAL VIRGIN...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO CAREFUL NOT TO FORGET THINGS TOO...
WHAT AM I GONNA DO...!?
DID I FORGET IT?
MY TEXT-BOOK'S GONE.
WHAT THE —!!?
HUH?
GOGO
GOGO (DIG)

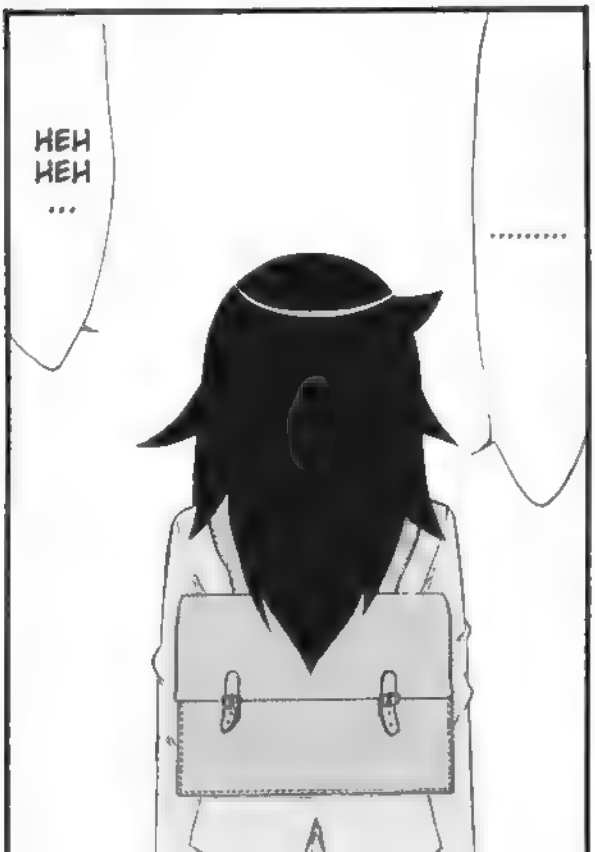
IT'S TOO LATE!
TAKE YOUR SEATS. ORDERS.
I'D BETTER SKIP CLASS! OFF TO SEE THE NURSE !!
I'VE GOT BOYS ON BOTH SIDES, SO I CAN'T ASK TO SHARE THEIRS ...!!

I'LL BE FINE! I JUST HAVE TO GO UNNOTICED FOR FIFTY MINUTES. PIECE OF CAKE!
STAND! BOW!
AT THIS POINT, ALL I CAN DO IS GET THROUGH IT...!


STEALTH MOKO TIME!
MASK MY PRESENCE!
HUH...!? UM... I FORGOT IT...
HM? YOU THERE, WHERE'S YOUR TEXTBOOK?

HUH?
STAND UP, PLEASE.
UM, I, UH, M-MY FRIEND DOESN'T HAVE MATH TODAY...
WHY DIDN'T YOU BORROW ONE FROM SOMEONE IN ANOTHER CLASS BEFORE WE BEGAN?
UH, YES... I-I CER-TAINLY COULD ...
THEN COULDN'T YOU JUST ASK A NEIGHBOR TO SHARE THEIRS?
I'M NOT TRYING ANY...
I...
BIKU (FLINCH)
YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY? JUST WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
YUH...
YUH-ES, SHIR..
ENOUGH, SIT DOWN. ASK TO SHARE WITH A NEIGHBOR.
THANK YOU...
UH
OH, WANT TO LOOK ON WITH ME...?
SNFF
SNFF, SNRFF, SLRK...
SNRFF, SLRK..
HIC...

THE UMBRELLA



THAT JERK'S PROBABLY OUT WALKING ALONG, HAVING FUN, ACTING LIKE HE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG.
TO THINK THERE'S SOME JERK AT THIS SCHOOL WHO'D TAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S UMBRELLA DURING A DOWNPOUR.

HOW DARE HE .....!?
...AND SO HE JUST GOES THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT A THOUGHT ABOUT HOW I'M GOING TO GET DRENCHED ON MY WAY HOME.

I BET THAT GUY DOES OTHER ROTTEN STUFF LIKE STEALING BIKES AND SHOP-LIFTING...
...AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S TOTAL SCUM, HE'S GOING OUT WITH SOME-ONE...

GU (SWF)
OH, THAT'S WHERE IT WAS ...

!
I WANNA KILL HIM... MAKE HIM SUFFER...! KILL HIM... KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THOSE UMBRELLA-STEALING JERKS...!

THE WAY HOME

WHOA! THE WATER'S RISEN SO HIGH, IT'S UP TO THE BRIDGE!?
ZAA (FSSSH)
TEKU (PLOD)
TEKU
SIGN: DANGER
GACK !!?
GUI (YANK)
IT'S LIKE IT'S JUST ABOUT TO OVERFLOW! WOW, AMAZING!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, STUPID KID!? COME THIS WAY!!
HUH!?
WHA —?

GOING NEAR WATERWAYS DURING FLOOD CONDITIONS? DO YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH!?
S—
EEP!?
BIKU (FLINCH)
SORRY ...

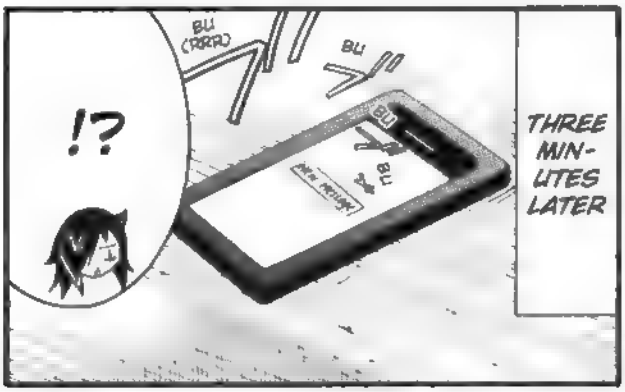
WHY ...!?
ZAAAA

EVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN THAT!!
YES... RIGHT. I'M SORRY...
BIKU
BIKU

WHY'D I HAVE TO GET YELLED AT BY OLD GUYS TWICE IN ONE DAY.....!?
AND ONE OF THEM A COMPLETE STRANGER...
I...
I'M...
I'M REALLY SORRY ...

WHICH ONE?

ZAAAAA
(POUR)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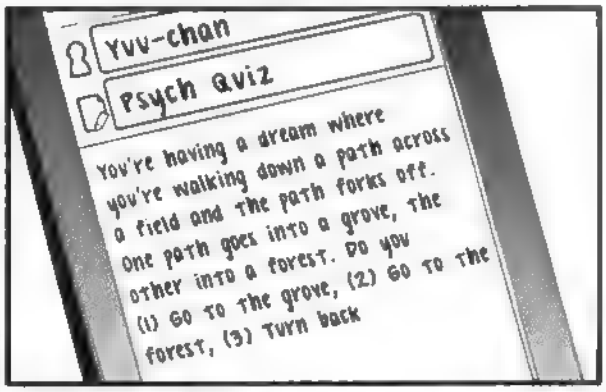
Yvv-chan
Psych Qviz
You're having a dream where you're walking down a path across a field and the path forks off. One path goes into a grove, the other into a forest. Do you (1) Go to the grove, (2) Go to the forest, (3) Turn back

KA
(CRACK)
ゴロ
GORO
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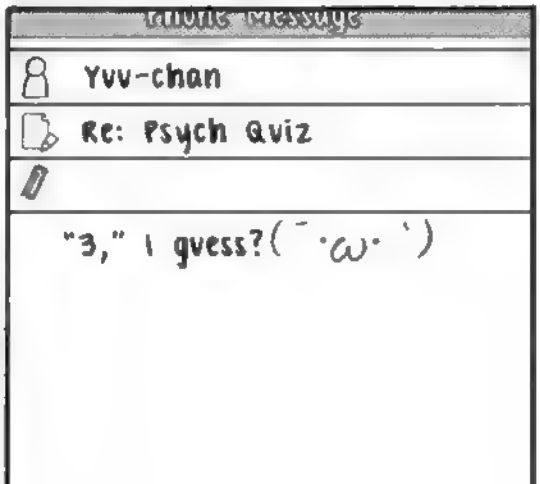
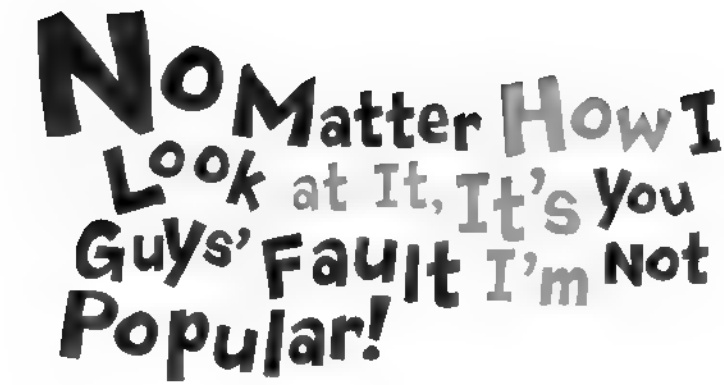
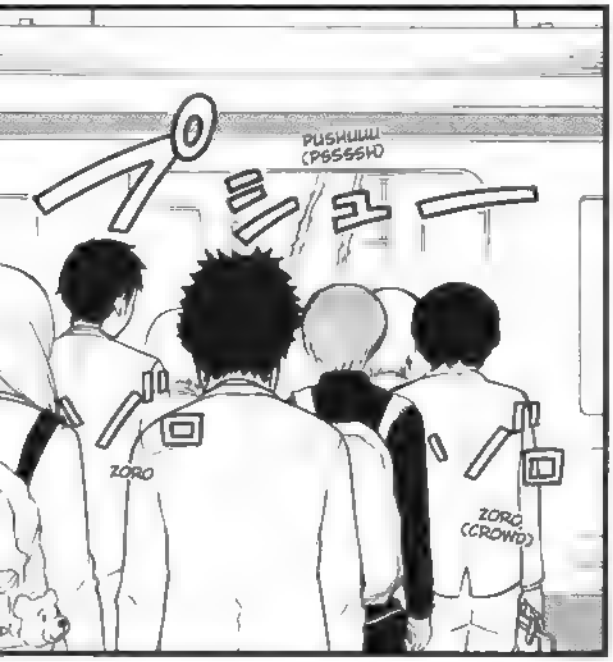
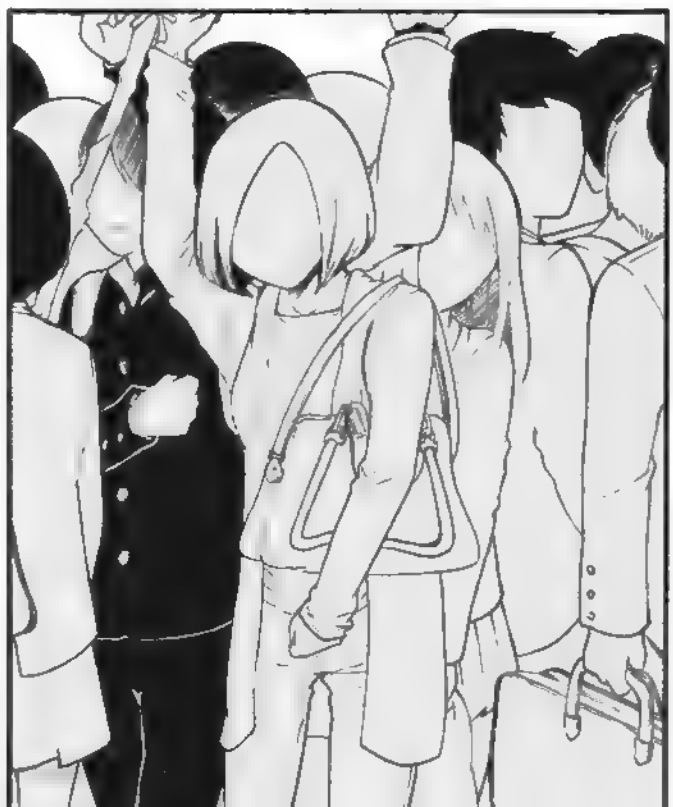
ZAAAA
GORO
(RUMBLE)
GORO

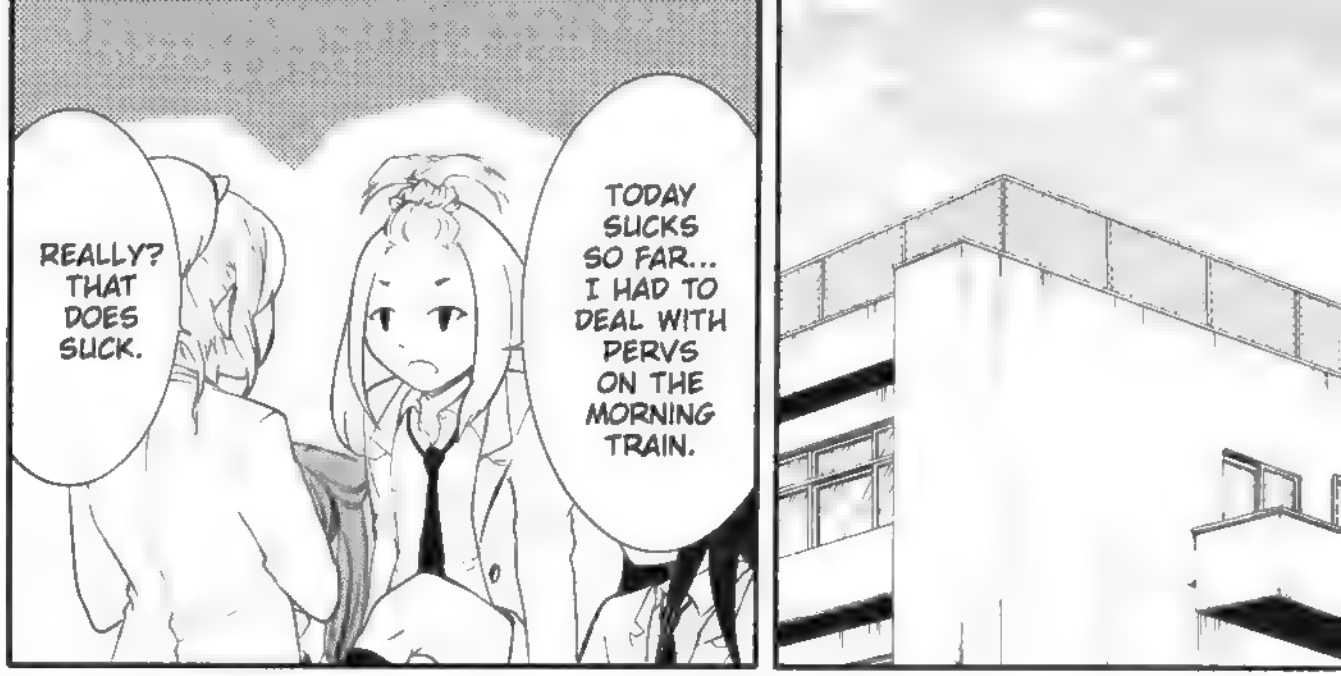

Yvv-chan
Re: Psych Qviz
"3," I guess?(˙ω˙)


No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

FAIL 24: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL GET GROPED.






TODAY SUCKS SO FAR... I HAD TO DEAL WITH PERVS ON THE MORNING TRAIN.
REALLY? THAT DOES SUCK.

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELVES PRETTY 'COS YOU GET GROPED? IT HASN'T HAPPENED TO ME, NOT EVEN ON THAT PACKED TRAIN. YOU CALLIN' ME UGLY?
...QUIT SHOWING OFF...

.....
THERE'S SO MUCH OF THAT NOW. IT'S HAPPENED TO ME, LIKE, TWICE.
MY FIRST TIME WAS RIGHT AFTER STARTING HIGH SCHOOL.

IT'S A TRAIN, YOU STUPID, SELF-OBSESSED COW! OF COURSE THERE'LL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE SITTING NEXT TO YOU!!
GU
GU

WHAT? THAT'S CREEPY!
GU (STRETCH)
GU
SPEAKING OF, THERE'S THIS ONE GUY WHO ALWAYS SITS RIGHT NEXT TO ME ON THE TRAIN HOME.

ガタン
GATAN (RATTLE)
ゴトン
GOTON (CLUNK)
ガタン
GATAN
ゴトン
GOTON
ガタン
GATAN
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GOTON
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カタン
KATAN (RATTLE)
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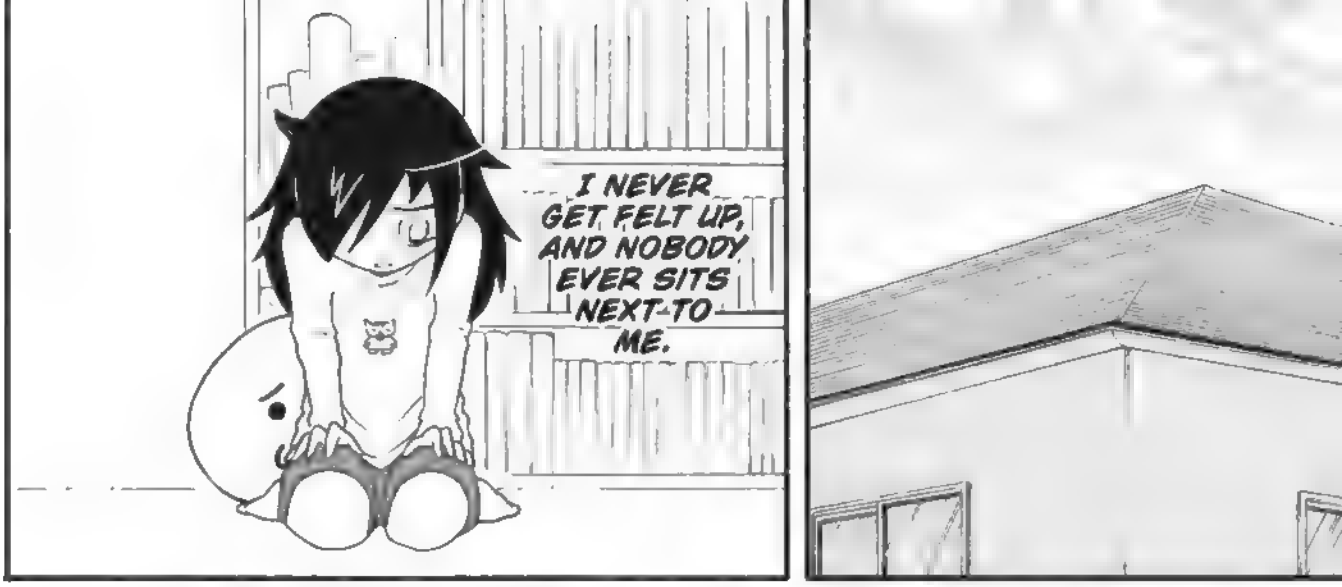
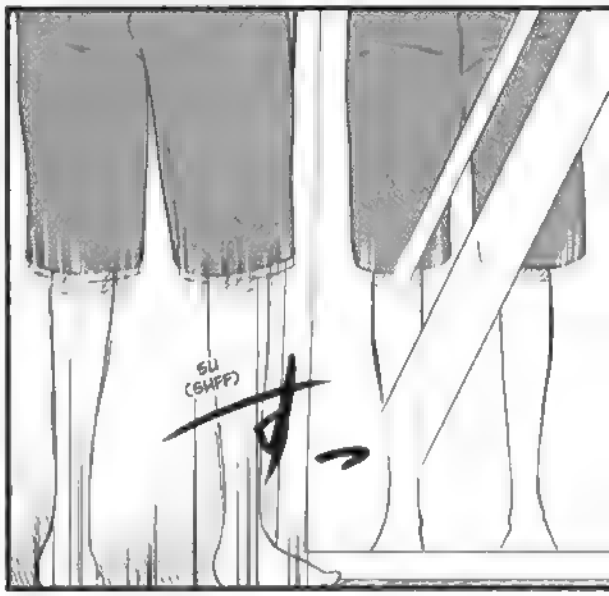
KOTON (CLUNK)


I NEVER GET FELT UP, AND NOBODY EVER SITS NEXT TO ME.

SU


SU (SHIFF)

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WHAT AM I MISSING...?

SAWA (FEEL)
SAWA

MOKO-CCHI?
HELLO!
OH!
Mokocchi
Friend
Incoming
!

Oh, um, it's just... well...
WHY DO YOU ASK?

HUH!?
Yuu-chan, have you ever been groped?

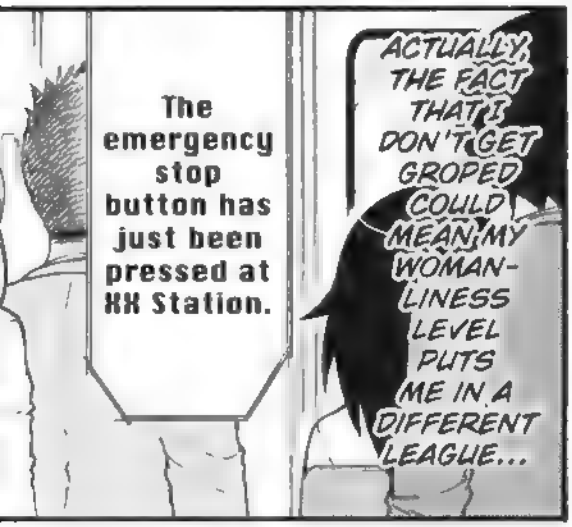
That doesn't sound fine to me!!
YEAH, I'M FINE, MY BUTT JUST GOT MASSAGED A BIT.

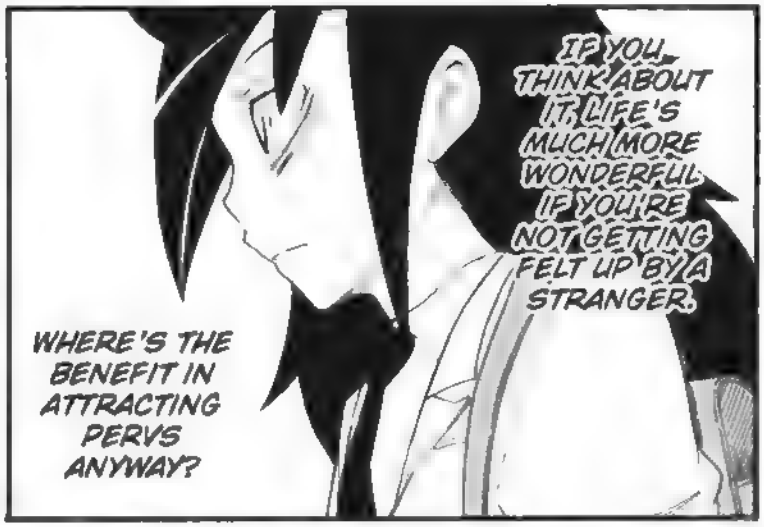
Really!? Are you okay...?
S-SEE, IT HAPPENED TO ME TODAY.

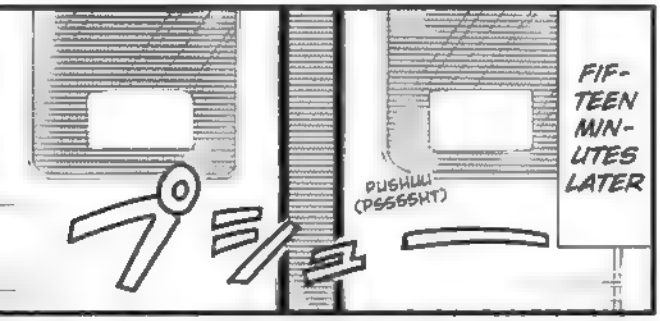
POLE: BEWARE OF PERVERTS!

I SEE... SO IT'S NORMAL FOR CUTE GIRLS TO BE IN DANGER ON THEIR OWN...
SURE... OKAY.
THANK YOU.
But anyway, Mokocchi, if something happens, you can always call me. It's dangerous on your own.

GATAN (RATTLE)
GOTON (CLUNK)


The emergency stop button has just been pressed at XX Station.
ACTUALLY, THE FACT THAT I DON'T GET GROPED COULD MEAN MY WOMANLINESS LEVEL PUTS ME IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE...


IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, LIFE'S MUCH MORE WONDERFUL IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING FELT UP BY A STRANGER.
WHERE'S THE BENEFIT IN ATTRACTING PERVS ANYWAY?


FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER
PUSHUU (PSSSSHT)

DO (CRUSH)

ZAWA (MURMUR)
Please wait until the safety check has been completed.
ZAWA

GYUUUUUU (SQUEEEEEEEZE)
PURA
PURA (DANGLE)
PURA

MY FEET ARE OFF THE FLOOR...
POKI (CRACK)
PEKI (SNAP)
POKI
AND TO TOP IT OFF, THE PRESSURE...
MY SPINE'S TWISTING ALL WEIRD...
I'M DYING.....!?

I'M BACK ON MY FEET ...!
!!?
!?
ZURU (SLIDE)
The train is shaking. Please exercise caution.

THERE'S A ROD-SHAPED THINGY UNDER MY SKIRT.....
MY SKIRT... SOME-THING'S UNDER MY SKIRT...
H-HUH? WH-WHAT IS THIS?
C-C-C-C-COULD IT BE I'M GETTING GROPED ...!?
ZO (CHILL)
SOME-BODY HELP ME!!
KATA
I'M SCARED ...!! IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO WANNA GET GROPED, EVEN THE TINIEST BIT.
KATA (SHAKE)
WHY NOW OF ALL TIMES WHEN I CAN'T EVEN MOVE ...!?

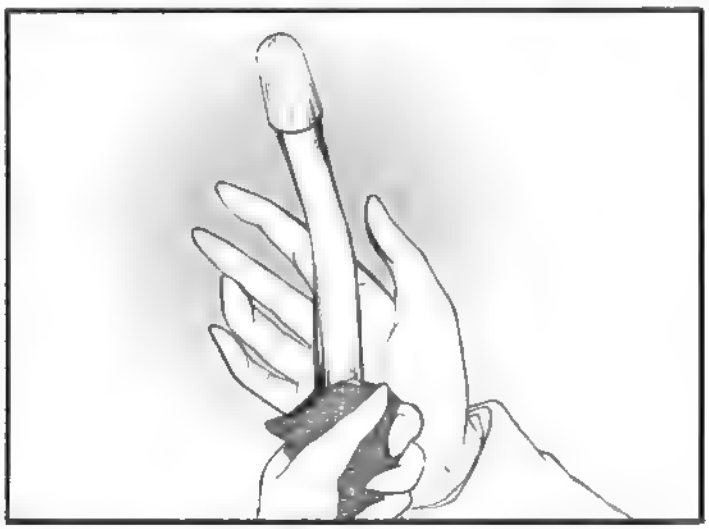
YES!
ZORO
ZORO (CROWD)
Departing passengers, please take care not to leave items behind.
SAVED AT LAST! I CAN WALK FORWARD AND ESCAPE!
Next stop, XX, exit on the left. Please be cautious near the opening doors.
BWEGH !!?
PUSHIIII (PSSSHT)
ZORO
MY ESCAPE ROUTE HAS BEEN CUT OFF !!?
The doors are closing.
ZORO
AH GAH GAH GAH!
IT FEELS LIKE THE TIP IS BENT UPWARD AND PULLING AT MY CROTCH SO I CAN'T MOVE FORWARD.

I THINK WE'RE WAY PAST GROPING NOW!!
IS HE MAD I WAS TRYING TO GET AWAY!?
!?
OW, OW, OW, OW, MY LADY PARTS !!?
IT WAS KEEPING STILL BEFORE, BUT NOW IT'S YANKING ON ME !!?
GATAN (RATTLE)
GOTON (CLUNK)
TRAIN R●PE!!
THIS IS R●PE MASQUERADING AS GROPING!!
IT'S UP TO ME TO SAVE MYSELF!!
SOMEBODY .....! NO, WAIT. NO ONE'S GONNA SAVE ME!!
IT HURTS. IT HURTS! AT THIS RATE, I'M GONNA LOSE SOMETHING... IN MORE THAN ONE SENSE!

!
プシュー
PUSHUU (PSSSHT)
Please be cautious near the opening doors.
H-HE'S STILL JERKING ME BACK...
...I... I CAUGHT... A PERVERT...
GYU (CLUTCH)

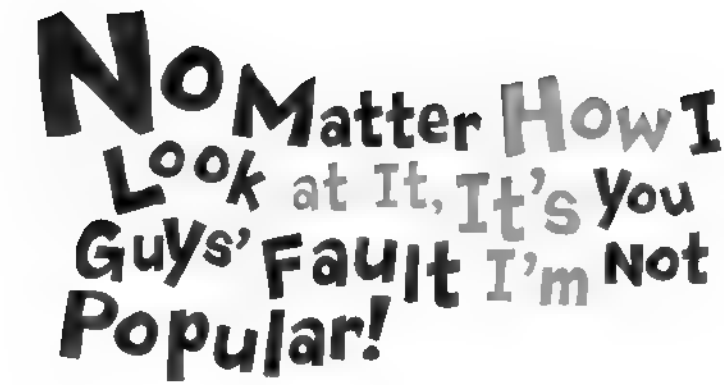
AH ...!
GU (TUG)
GU!

I'M REALLY SORRY. WHEN THE TRAIN WAS PACKED, MY NAGINATA GOT CAUGHT UNDER YOUR SKIRT...AND I COULDN'T PULL IT OUT...



UM... IF YOU DON'T MIND...
...C-COULD YOU PLEASE LET GO OF IT?

!
HIYA, MOKOCCHI. WHAT'S UP?
Yuu-chan ...
MOKO-CCHI?
Um... well... you know... what .....?
U-UMM, WELL, ACTUALLY, I WAS ROPED BY A NAGINATA TODAY.
Huh!? What do you mean!?


No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

UGH... MONDAY AGAIN...
I DON'T WANNA GO TO SCHOOL... NOT WITH GYM SECOND PERIOD.
GOOD MORN-ING.
AT LEAST FRIDAY'S A HOLIDAY, SO I JUST GOTTA STICK IT OUT FOR FOUR DAYS...

HUH? WHERE'S ?
HE CAUGHT A COLD, SO HE'S RESTING.
WHA —!? A COLD!?
HE HAD A FEVER, SO HE'S STAYING HOME TODAY.

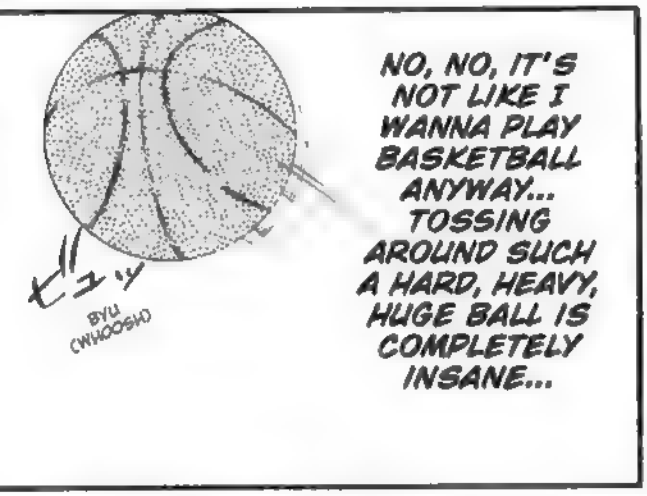
FAIL 25: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL NURSE THE SICK.
GARA (SSHNK)

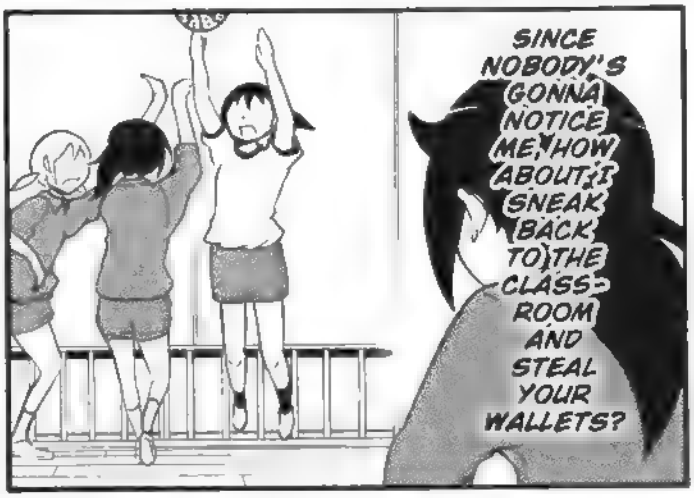
GARA (SSHNK)
I'M GONNA OPEN HIS WINDOW AND LOWER THE THERMOSTAT.
PULL OFF HIS COM-FORTER TOO.
YOU BASTARD! WHILE I'M FRANTIC ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL... HOW COME YOU GET TO SLEEP!?

TEAM UP HOWEVER YOU LIKE, SO LONG AS THERE'S FIVE PER TEAM.
THE BOYS ARE USING THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE, SO YOU GIRLS WILL PLAY BASKETBALL INDOORS.

THAT MAKES FOUR OF US. WHERE DO WE FIND A FIFTH?
SURE!
TEAM UP WITH ME?

AM I SO CLOSE TO INVISIBLE THAT NOBODY SEES ME? THE PHANTOM SIXTH MAN?
WHAT IS THIS? KUROKI'S BASKET-BALL!?


BYU (WHOOSH)
NO, NO, IT'S NOT LIKE I WANNA PLAY BASKETBALL ANYWAY... TOSSING AROUND SUCH A HARD, HEAVY, HUGE BALL IS COMPLETELY INSANE...


SINCE NOBODY'S GONNA NOTICE ME, HOW ABOUT I SNEAK BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM AND STEAL YOUR WALLETS?

BWUH!?
GO (BONK)
LIKE THAT TIME IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHEN A GIRL FROM THE BASKETBALL TEAM BROKE MY NOSE WITH A BLIND PASS...

PASS!
PASS!
FORGET IT, THEN. GUESS I'LL SPEND MY TIME DAY-DREAMING...
I COULD GO TO THE FIELD OUTSIDE AND KILL ANTS... EXCEPT THE BOYS ARE OUT THERE...

STOP! YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE A CONCUS-SION!!
SORRY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
LOOK OUT!!
BO (BONK)
THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A FIRST-CLASS SNIPER ARE GOOD INSTINCTS AND WOMAN'S INTUITION. I FLICK MY CIGARETTE AND GAZE ACROSS THE CITY. MY CURRENT TARGET, THE PRESIDENT OF A CERTAIN REPUBLIC. "TIME FOR WORK," I MUTTER, AS I RAISE MY EYE TO THE SCOPE AND...
GWAH !!?

—
—

I'M HOME ...

NAH, I'LL BE FINE WITH SOME REST.
SHOULD I TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL?
OH, I HAD A LITTLE SPILL IN GYM CLASS.
WHY ARE YOU HOME SO EARLY?
HOORAY!! I PULLED OFF FAKING SICK!!
BA (WHAP)
THOUGH I DID ACTUALLY FAINT.
PISHA (THUNK)
HOLD ON...
.....
PITA (HALT)
I'LL SPEND ALL DAY GAMING —!

HRN?
GARA (SSHINK)
!

IF IT WORKS, THEN I MIGHT HAVE NOT JUST TODAY OFF, BUT TOMORROW AND THE DAY AFTER TOO.
IF I SPEND THE WHOLE DAY WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER, THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT I'LL CATCH HIS COLD.

HEY.
...HEY!

KOFF!
KOFF!

I'M GONNA STAY BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER AND EVER.
LIKE HELL YOU ARE. PISS OFF.
I'M GONNA STAY BY YOUR SIDE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...
WHAT?
YOUR BIG SIS IS HERE IN HER SCHOOL UNI-FORM.
YEAH, SO WHAT?
DOES THAT LIFT YOUR SPIR-ITS?
NO, IT DOES NOT.
SO YOU SAY...BUT DOESN'T IT LIFT YOUR LOWER HALF'S SPIRITS?
ARE YOU SICK IN THE HEAD?
KOFF!
HRK!
I'M WASTING MY BREATH ARGUING WITH HER. I'LL JUST IGNORE HER.

KURU (TURN)
KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
BA (SCHWOOP)

I-I THOUGHT I'D NURSE TOMOKI WHILE HE'S SICK...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OH?
GARA (SSWNK)
SA (SWOOSH)

GARA
I LIED TO AVOID GETTING CHEWED OUT FOR PLAYING GAMES; BUT NOW I'M STUCK WITH THIS CHORE.
BATN (SLAM)
SHAKU
SHAKU (CRUNCH)

UH...
OKAY, GET TOMOKI TO EAT THESE AFTER HE WAKES UP.
AND GET HIM A WET TOWEL FROM DOWN-STAIRS.

SHAKU
SHAKU
GUCHA (SPLAT)
OH WELL. GUESS I'LL AT LEAST GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS...
I'M COOKING SOME RICE PORRIDGE. TAKE IT UP TO HIM WHEN IT'S READY.
WHAT?
KOTO
KOTO (RATTLE)
TOMOKO! COME DOWN HERE FOR A BIT!
GACHA (KACLICK)
OKAY.
COULD YOU GO GET THE DOOR?
PINPOOON (DING-DONG)
GU (BUBBLE)
GU

UH...UHH... BUT... HEE-HEE... HEH-HEH... UH, MY LITTLE BROTHER'S... SLEEPING RIGHT NOW...
OH, OKAY. WE'LL LEAVE, THEN.
HUH?
UM, HI, I'M IN KUROKI-KU... TOMOKI-KUN'S CLASS. I BROUGHT HIM TODAY'S PRINTOUTS.
WHAA —? YOU'RE NOT GOING UP TO SEE HIM?
NO, IT'S OKAY. I'D JUST BOTHER HIM.
GU
GU (BUBBLE)
I CAN WAIT UNTIL HE'S BETTER TO SEE HIM.
THAT'S LAME.
GWAH!?
POTO (PLOP)
GU
GU
SU (SSHF)

YOU ARE SO DEAD...!
GOWUH!?
WHAT WAS THAT FOR, YOU IDIOT !!?
DOGA (WHAM)
C'MON ...
I DIDN'T KICK YOU THAT HARD.
WAAHH. WHEN ANYONE COMES OVER, IT'S ALWAYS FOR YOU... NOBODY EVER COMES FOR ME...
WAAHH... WAAHH!
UHHH... SNFF...
GARA (SSHINK)
PISHA (THUNK)
!
->DING-DONG<-
TOMOKO, IT'S FOR YOU!
MAN, SHE'S LOUD ...
HUH?
WAAHH...

HIC!
HIC!
W-
WAAHHH.
I-IT WAS
JUST
SAG●WA
EXPRESS...
WAAHH.
GARA
(GSHNK)

LET
ME CRY
UNDER
HERE,
WHERE
IT'S
FULL OF
GERMS
!!
MOZO
MOZO
(WRIGGLE)
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
NOW!?

?
MUKU
(RISE)
WHEN'S
SHE
GONNA
LEAVE?

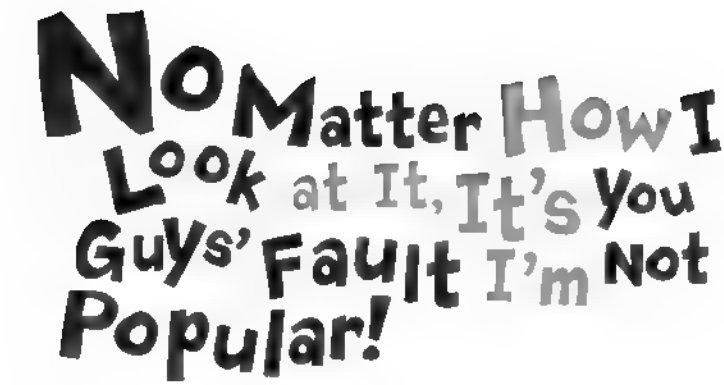
THREE DAYS LATER

UM, I'M MOSTLY BETTER NOW.
KEEP YOUR GERMS AWAY FROM ME!!
MY THREE-DAY WEEK-END STARTS TOMOR-ROW!
JERK! WHO SAID YOU COULD COME IN HERE!?
I'M BORED. LEMME BORROW THE GAME CONSOLE.
GARA (SSHNK)

I SPENT A WHOLE DAY NURSING YOU, BUT YOU NEVER EVEN GAVE ME YOUR COLD, YOU SCUM!
FINE, TAKE IT! NOW GET OUT!
.....FOR YOUR INFORMATION, YOU DON'T COME DOWN WITH A COLD RIGHT AFTER CATCHING IT.
HUH?

IT TAKES A FEW DAYS AFTER INFECTION BEFORE THE SYMPTOMS SHOW UP, RIGHT?
...
..... GACK!? KOFF! HRK!!
KOFF! KOFF!

H-HEY, WOULD YOU NURSE—
GARA (SSHNK)
PISHA (SLAM)
.....
KAAAA (P...LSH)
ZURU (DRIBBLE)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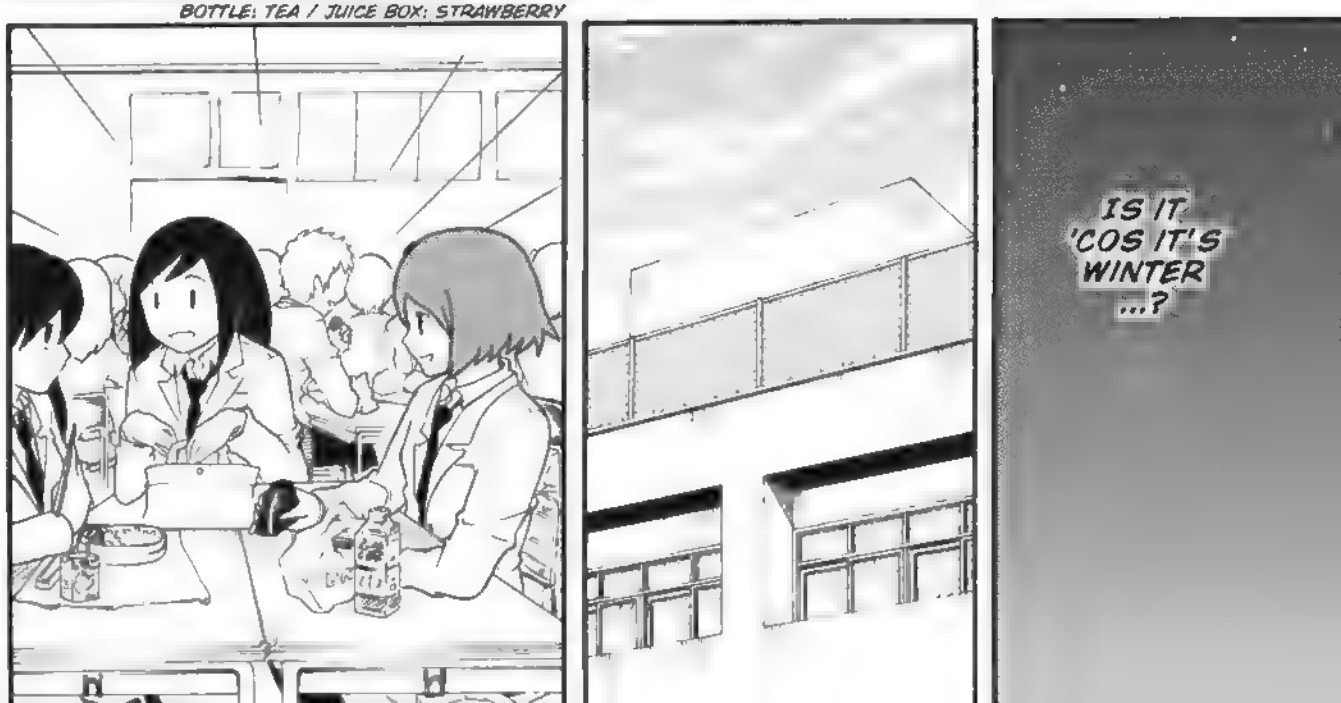
FAIL 26: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL START MY OWN CLUB.

BOTE (PLOP)
MAN...
I'D BETTER TRY BEFORE AN EMPLOYEE COMES TO PUT IT BACK.
LOOKS LIKE IT'LL FALL IN IF I JUST LIFT THE LEG.
NO, IT'S FINE.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
AND I ALMOST HAD IT TOO...
COME ON, GIVE UP ALREADY. YOU'VE BEEN TRYING LONG ENOUGH.
BOTE

I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT CARRYING IT HOME... EMBARRASSING ...
YAY! MY SCAVENGER PLOY WORKED!!
I GOT SOMETHING HUGE FOR ¥200.
BYU (WHOOSH)
!
IT'S ALREADY NOVEMBER... GUESS FALL'S OVER...
IT'S GOTTEN COLDER TOO...
THE WIND'S BEEN STRONG LATELY ...

BOTTLE: TEA / JUICE BOX: STRAWBERRY



KUSHA
KUSHA (CRUNCH)
ZAKU
ZAKU (CRACKLE)
GUESS I'LL GO OUTSIDE, THEN...
KYU (TUG)
SINCE IT GOT COLDER ...
...MORE PEOPLE ARE STAYING IN THE CLASS-ROOM.
CLUB-ROOMS..... CLUB MEETINGS.....
PIKU (TWITCH)
AH HA HA!
.....
WHAT'S OVER THERE...? OH, RIGHT, THE BUILDING WITH THE CLUB-ROOMS...
BUT WINTER HAS COME, AND THERE'S STILL NO FUN AT ALL.
BEFORE STARTING HIGH SCHOOL, I THOUGHT THE DAYS WOULD BE FULL OF FUN...

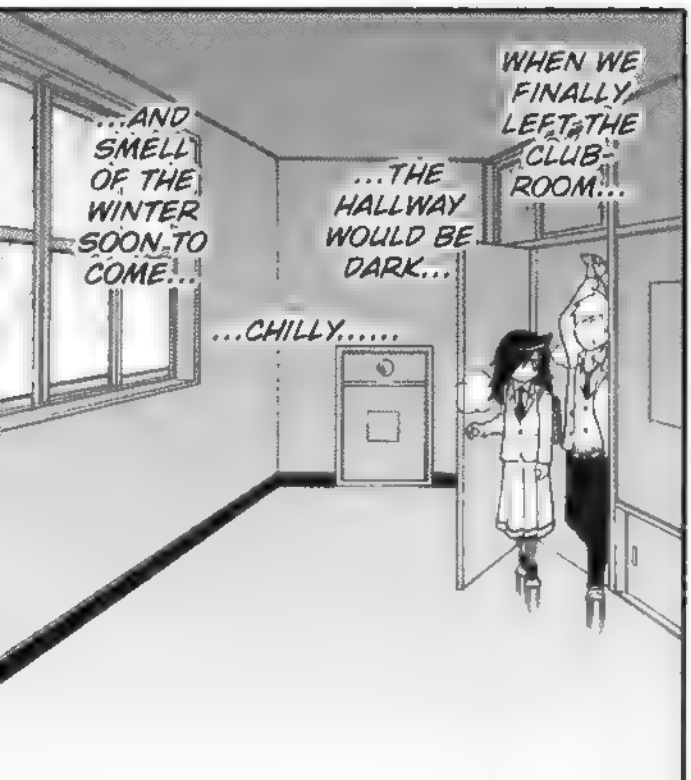
ALTHOUGH I DID FIGURE OUT THAT MY DREAM OF MEETING KAZEHOYA-KUN WASN'T REALISTIC, SO I GAVE UP THAT IDEA MY FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I ALWAYS FANTASIZED ABOUT GOING THERE AFTER SCHOOL...
I THOUGHT THERE'D BE SOME CLUB LIKE THE SOS BRIGADE OR THE NEIGHBORS CLUB...

WHILE I WOULDN'T HOLD A LEADING ROLE, MY PRESENCE WOULD STILL BE VITAL TO THEM...
IN THAT CRAMPED CLUBROOM, I'D FIND BOYS WHO WERE SOMEWHAT APATHETIC AND GIRLS WHO WERE TALENTED BUT COULDN'T FIT IN.

...AND MAKE TEA FOR EVERY-ONE...
BAN (WHAP)
DON (TONK)
I'D THROW RETORTS AT OTHER MEMBERS SOME-TIMES...

THE CLUB WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.
WE'D ALL SPEND TIME PLAYING GAMES TOGETHER UNTIL DARK.

WHEN WE GOT SICK OF GAMES, EACH PERSON WOULD KILL TIME DOING WHATEVER THEY LIKED.


...AND SMELL OF THE WINTER SOON TO COME...
...THE HALLWAY WOULD BE DARK...
WHEN WE FINALLY LEFT THE CLUB-ROOM...
...CHILLY.....

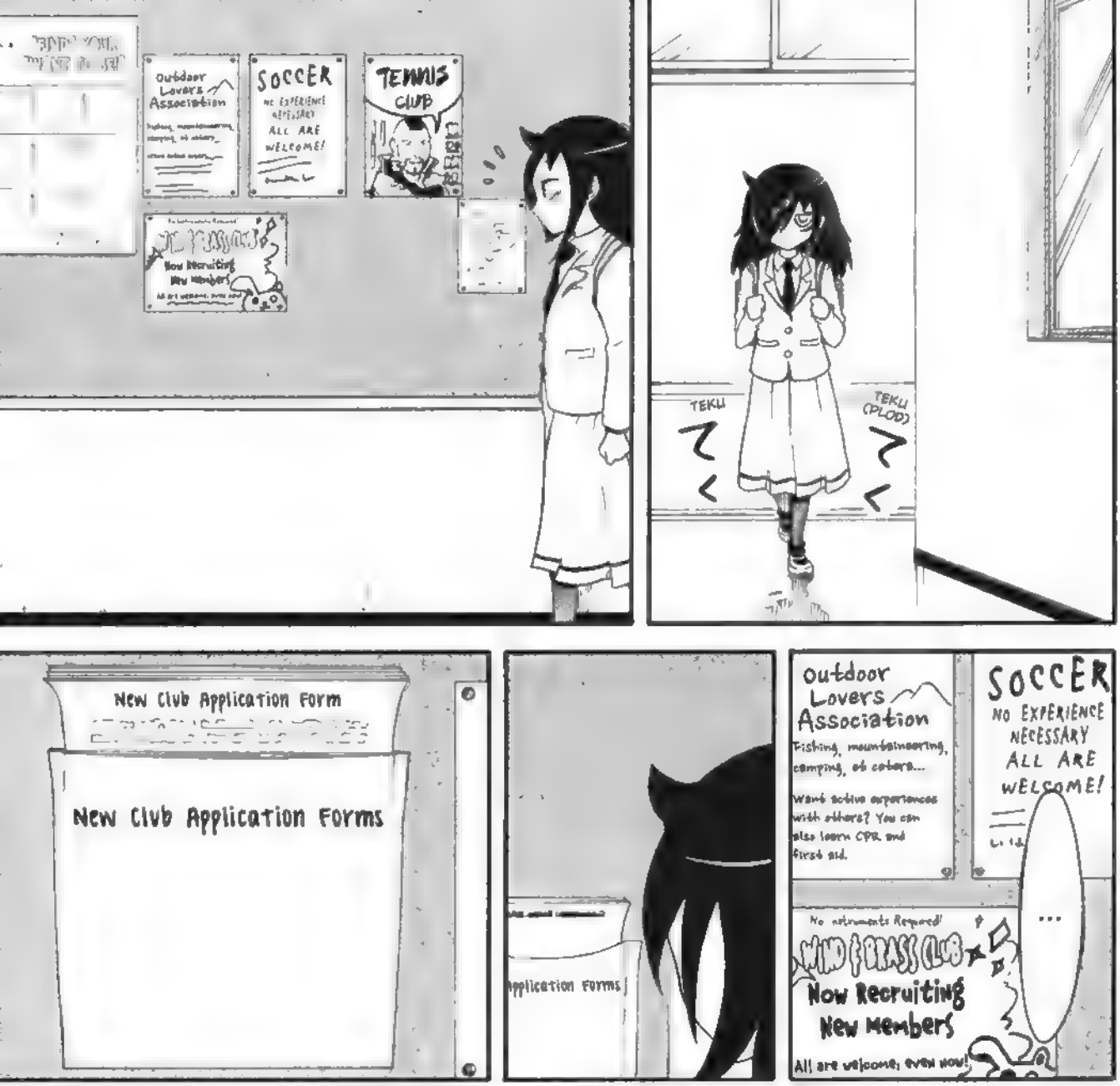
IT'D PROB-ABLY GET DARK PRETTY EARLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

...THESE DAYS COULD LAST FOR-EVER...
...AND WHILE HEADING HOME, I'D FIND MYSELF WISHING THAT...
WE'D GAZE UP AT THE STARS IN THE WINTER SKY...

BUT I DO HAVE MELANCHOLY AND HARDLY ANY FRIENDS, SO AT LEAST THERE'S THAT...
WELL, THAT WAS ALL A PIPE DREAM...

KIIIN (DIIING)
KOOON (DONNNG)
キーンコーン
KAAAN (DAAANG)
カーン

FOR REAL? WE'RE DONE EATING, SO LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
CRAP, I MADE EYE CONTACT WITH THAT WEIRDO OUTSIDE...


Outdoor Lovers Association
SOCCER
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
ALL ARE WELCOME!
TENNIS CLUB
Now Recruiting New Members
TEKU
TEKU (PLOD)

New Club Application Form
New Club Application Forms
Application Forms
Outdoor Lovers Association
Fishing, mountaineering, camping, et cetera...
Want active experiences with others? You can also learn CPR and first aid.
SOCCER
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
ALL ARE WELCOME!
No instruments Required!
Now Recruiting New Members
All are welcome; even you!
...

GOSO (DIG)
New Club Application Form
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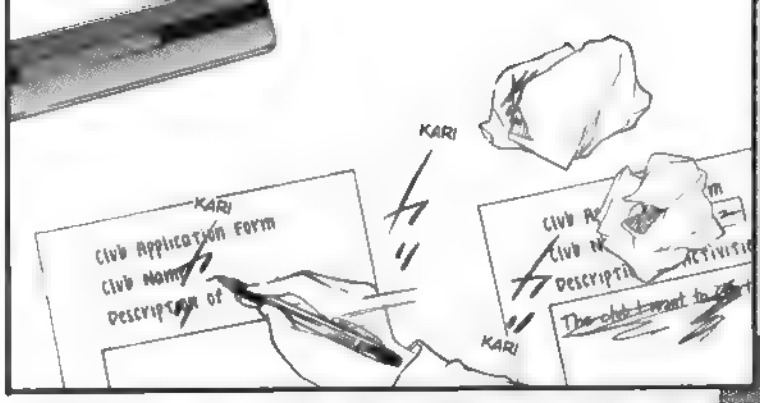
KARI
Club Application Form
Club Name
KARI

KARI (SKRITCH)
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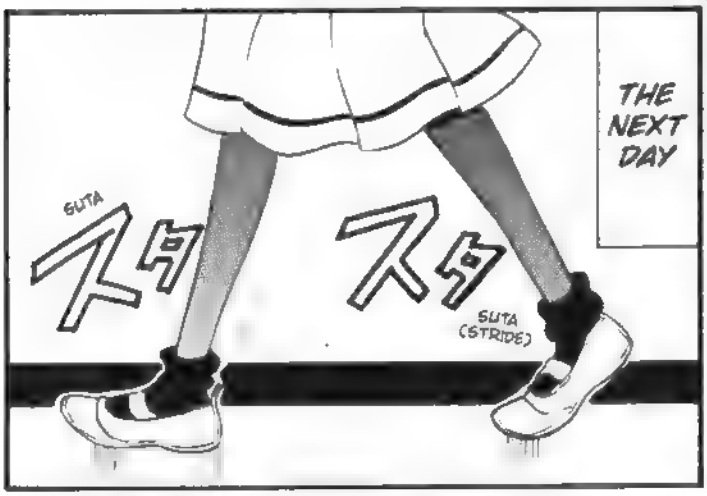
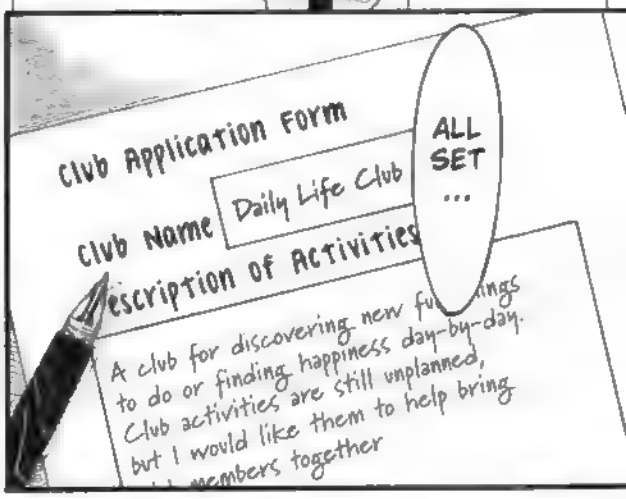
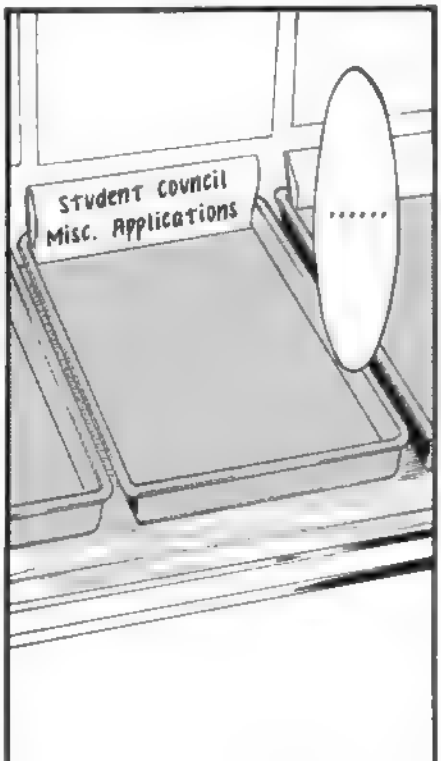

THE NEXT DAY
SUTA
SUTA (STRIDE)


Club Application Form
Club Name
Daily Life Club
ALL SET ...
A club for discovering new fu ings to do or finding happiness day-by-day. Club activities are still unplanned, but I would like them to help bring members together

DOKI (HAUM)
DOKI
DOKI
GU (CLENCH)


Student Council
Misc. Applications
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SUTA
SUTA

KATAN (RATTLE)
SLI (SHIFT)
A FEW WEEKS LATER
There is no statute of limitations on a victim's fear.
College Guidance

TWO PEOPLE JOINED RIGHT AWAY...
I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT, BUT I'M GLAD I STARTED THIS CLUB.

WE STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED WHAT ACTIVITIES THIS CLUB WILL ENGAGE IN...
GODOPO (POUR)
I'LL MAKE SOME TEA.
...BUT WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME FIGURING IT OUT.
TOMOKO! DINNER!
AFTER ALL, THE ACTIVITIES AREN'T WHAT MATTER ...
MOKO...
FOR NOW, I JUST WANT TO ENJOY OUR TIME TOGETHER.

From the Student Council
November Club Application Decisions

APPROVED

Shogi Club: Come to the Student Council Room After 4 PM

REJECTED

Daily Life Club: Activities Undefined

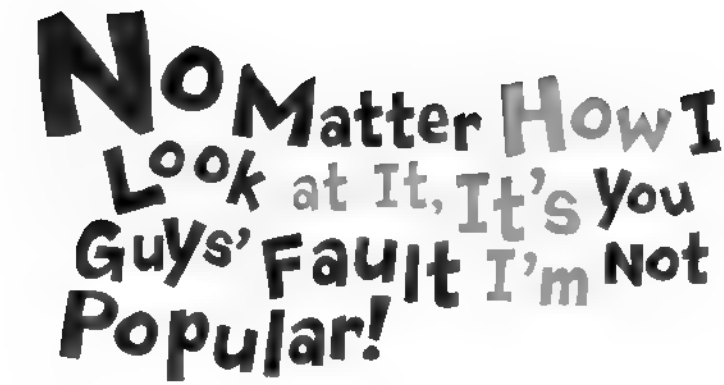
Service Club: Activities Too Similar to the Volunteer Club

NOTICES

From the Student Council
November Club Application Decisions

Lifestyle Committee
Aiming for Zero Tardiness
Live Life With Less Pressure!

Culture Festival Survey Results
(Firefly Fibre Festival Survey)


No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

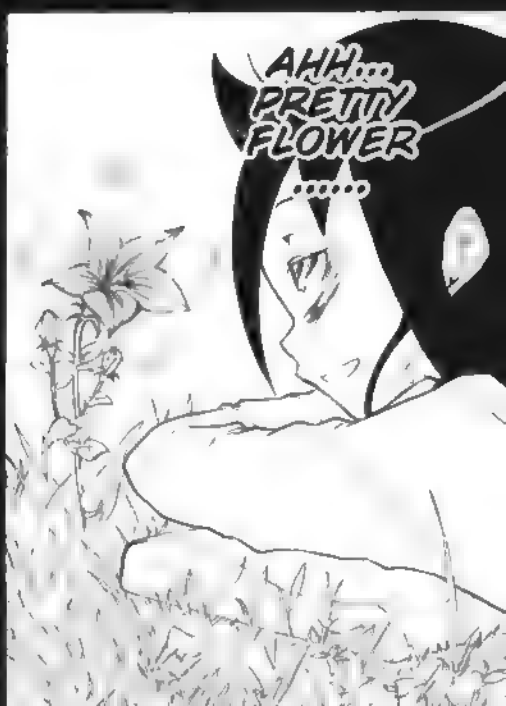
NIGONIGO NEWS
people have clicked on this
people have purchased this
02:07
OH... TWO A.M. ALREADY... TIME FOR BED...
BOOO (DAZED)
ぼ
KACHI (CLICK)
KACHI
FAIL 27: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL HAVE A NICE DREAM.
Sleeping Facedown Will Give You Lewd Dreams
.....
KACHI
KACHI
I'LL JUST TAKE A LOOK AT ONE LAST STUPID ARTICLE.
THE THEORY IS THAT LYING FACEDOWN PUTS PRESSURE ON THE STOMACH AND LUNGS, REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN. THE OXYGEN-DEPRIVED CEREBRUM THEN BECOMES CONFUSED, RESULTING IN MORE EROTIC DREAMS.
KACHI
RESEARCH AT A CERTAIN UNIVERSITY HAS SHOWN THAT SLEEPING FACEDOWN HAS A HIGHER PROBABILITY OF CAUSING EROTIC DREAMS THAN ANY OTHER SLEEPING POSITION.

HUH? WHERE AM I...?

ぱち
PACHI (BLINK)

!?
WASA
WASA (RUSTLE)
KASA (RUSTLE)
WASA

?
GASA (STIR)
GASA


AHH... PRETTY FLOWER .....

KASA
KASA
KASA
KASA
GUH ...?
JUST A DREAM ...
HYAAAAH!?
GABA (LURCH)
HM, STILL ONLY FOUR A.M.... OH WELL... GUESS I'LL TRY AGAIN...
THAT RANKS AMONG THE FIVE WORST NIGHT-MARES I'VE EVER HAD!
WHAT FREAKIN' PART OF THAT WAS EROTIC!? I'M NOT AN ENTOMO-PHILIAC!!

ALL RIGHT!
I'LL TRY STUFFING A PILLOW INTO MY TOP...
MAYBE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH PRESSURE FOR IT TO WORK.
GOGO
GOGO (SLIP)
GORILLA!!?
GABA (LURCH)
チュン
CHUN (CHIRP)
チュン
CHUN
.....
GIVE ME A BREAK! THEY'RE ALL NIGHT-MARES!
GUSHA! (SMOOSH)
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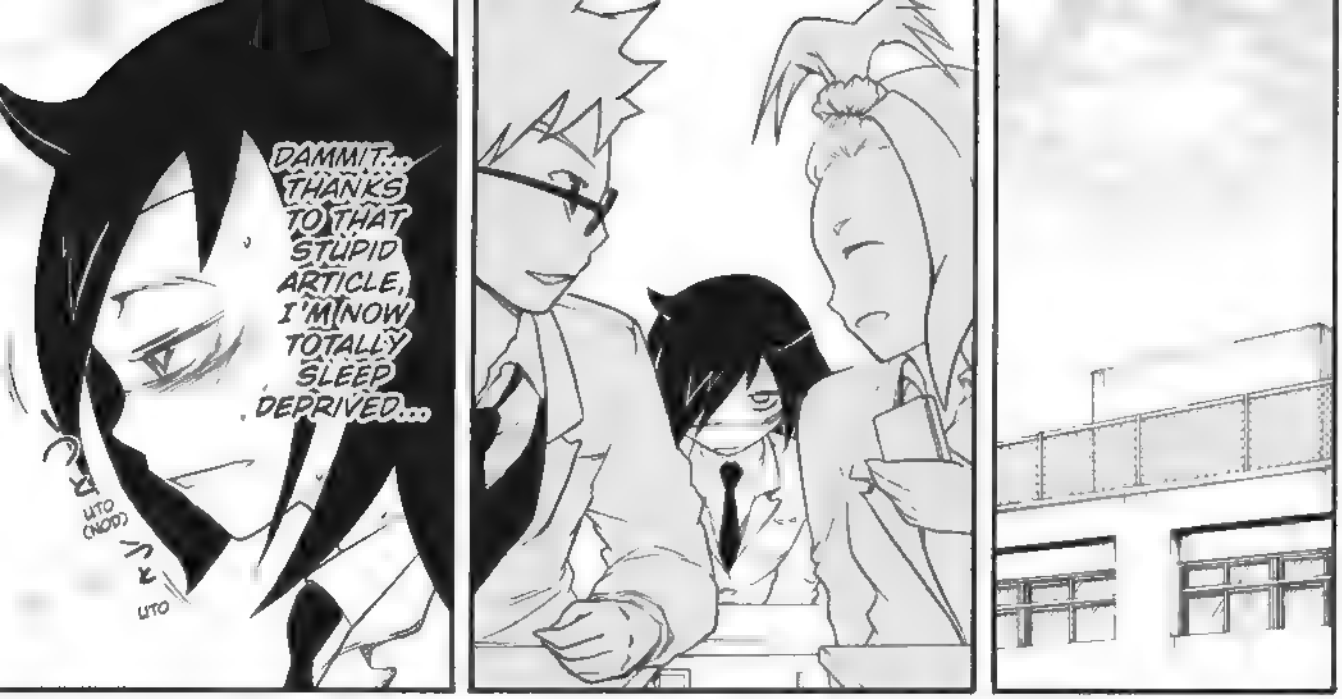

DAMMIT... THANKS TO THAT STUPID ARTICLE, I'M NOW TOTALLY SLEEP DEPRIVED...
UTO (NOD)
UTO

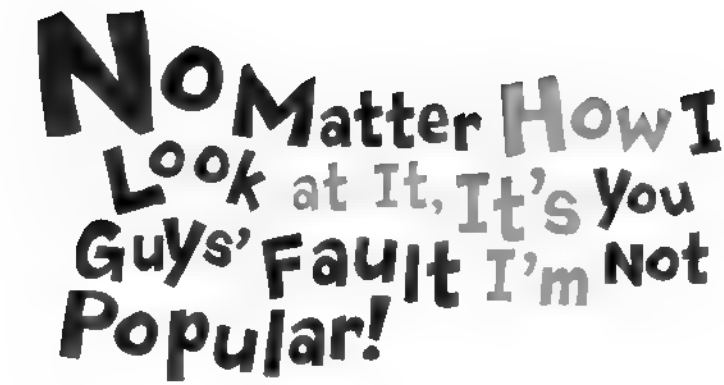
TAKE YOUR SEATS. AS MENTIONED BEFORE, WE'RE HAVING A QUIZ TODAY.
UP TILL NOW, I'VE ONLY PRETENDED TO SLEEP AT SCHOOL, BUT IT FEELS LIKE I'M GONNA FALL ASLEEP FOR REAL THIS TIME.

MMPH...
URGH...
PIKUN (JERK)
BIKU
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY? DO YOU FEEL SICK?
MPH!
BIKU (JOLT)
Uck
BIKUN (FLINCH)
!

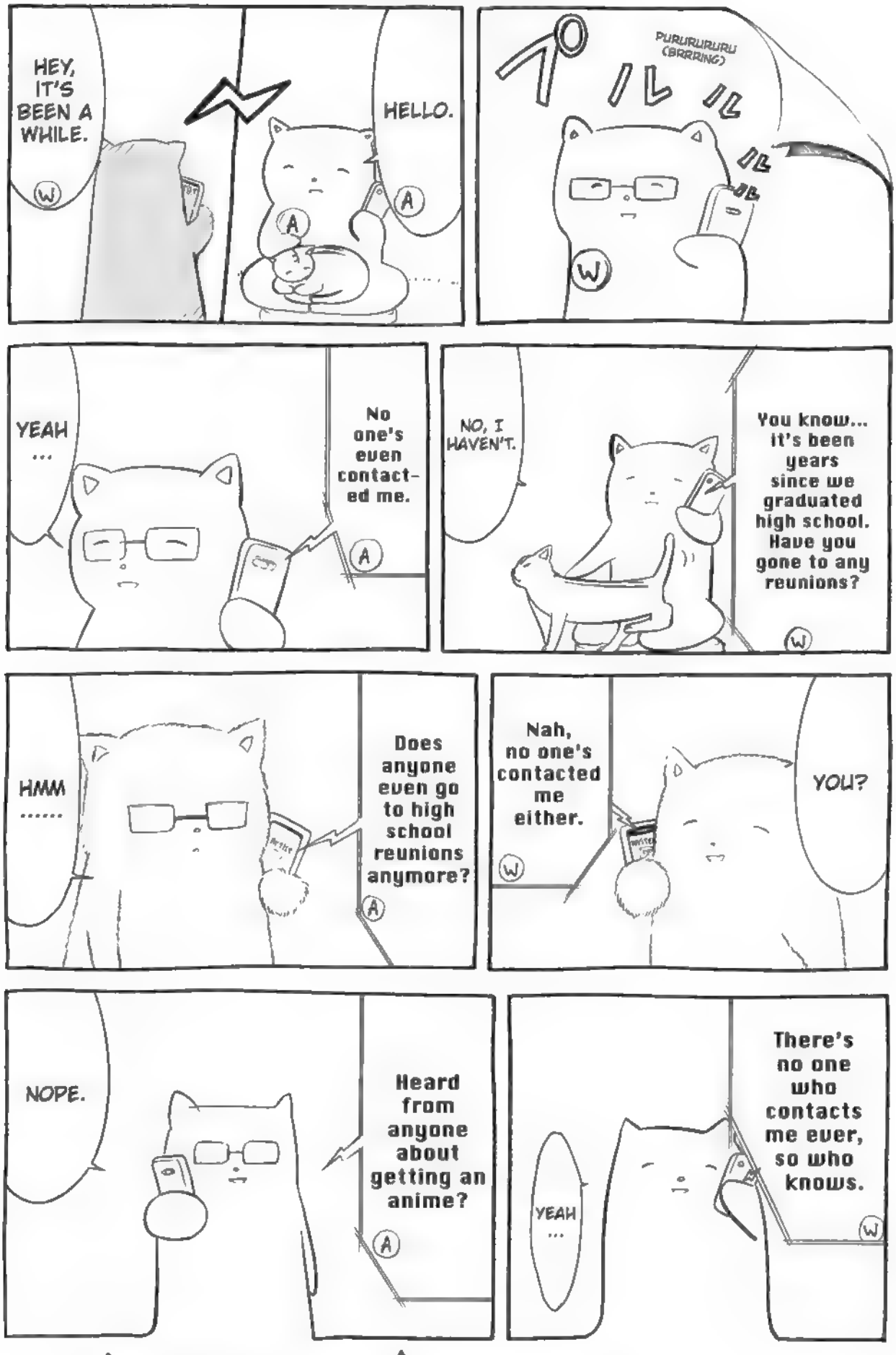
PIKU
HEH...
AHH...
PIKU (TWITCH)
KURU (TURN)
COO...
PIKU
OOOG...
...
TEN MINUTES LEFT.
TO BE CONTINUED IN NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S YOU GUYS' FAULT I'M NOT POPULAR ☺!

...OR EVEN STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION...
M-MAYBE I SHOULD GO SAY HELLO TO HER...
OH...!
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU (STEP)

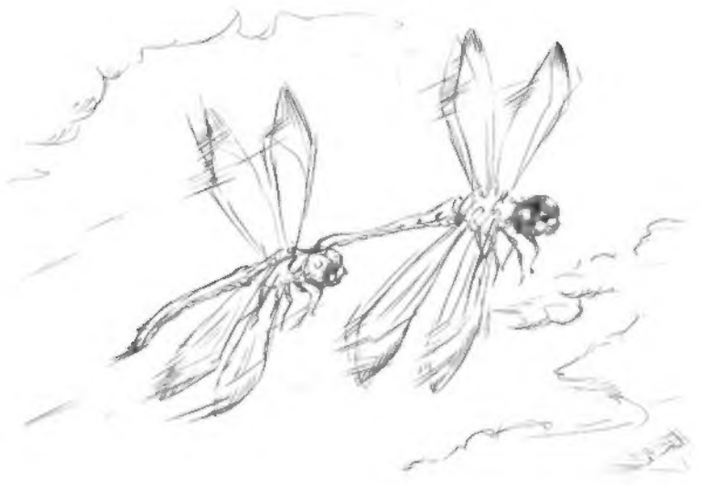
!!?
BYUUU (WHOOSH)
UH...
...HEH HEH HEH HEH.
ER...
HN!?
!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO LOOK LIKE I WAS A MOLESTER STALKING HER...!?
SUTA (RUSH)
I JUST WANTED TO SAY HELLO...
SUTA
SUTA
SA (SWISH)
AH...
!?
KURU (TURN)


No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

STATUS UPDATE



SPECIAL THANKS! YUUJI ASAKURA-SAN



PAGE 5

Battle R●yale is a famous 1999 novel by Koushun Takami, in which an entire middle school class is kidnapped and forced to kill each other until only one student remains in a government-sanctioned death match. Tomoko's planned strategy and choice of weapon is the same as that of the main female antagonist in the novel, the manipulative and ruthless killer Mitsuko Souma.

PAGE 9

Nigonigo Douga is a play on Niconico Douga, a Japanese site primarily known for free hosting of streaming videos, similar to YouTube.

PAGE 10

Culture festivals are held at Japanese schools, usually on a weekend close to the national holiday, Culture Day (November 3), as a way for students to show off their school and what they've learned to other students, parents, and the general public. Another purpose of these festivals is fostering teamwork and responsibility, especially in high school, as the students are expected to manage most aspects of preparing for and running the festivals themselves.

PAGE 11

Don Quin is a reference to the Japanese discount store chain Don Quijote, which is often referred to as Donki.

PAGE 11

Ochonan-san is a character from the ongoing anthology horror manga *Seeds of Unease* that appears on the cover of the first volume in the series. It is a humanoid monster with the eyes and mouth oddly rotated and rearranged with each other. Either Tomoko's drawing was not clear enough to be recognizable or the reference was too obscure at the time.

PAGE 11

Straw dolls, or *waraningyou*, are usually made from straw and used in a similar manner as voodoo dolls.

PAGE 28

The **bunny-girl guitarist** is a reference to the title character's performance at the school culture festival in *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya* light novel series by Nagaru Tanigawa.

PAGE 29

KEI-ON! is a reference to the popular slice-of-life manga and anime series *K-On!* Tomoko is imagining herself not quite fitting in with the rest, like the younger character Azusa (though for the opposite reason as Azusa...).

PAGE 33

The store where Tomoko buys her costume is **Don Quiohte**, another reference to the actual Don Quijote chain of discount stores.

PAGE 37

Yakisoba is a popular Japanese dish of noodles, pork, cabbage, and other vegetables stir-fried together with a sweet Worcestershire-style sauce. Despite the name, the noodles are generally regular wheat noodles instead of buckwheat (*soba*).

PAGE 37

Mochi is a soft rice cake, traditionally made by pounding glutinous rice to form a sticky paste that can be molded into shapes.

PAGE 38

The **"Class 7, Chocolate Bananas"** sign is a pun. One way to pronounce the number seven in Japanese is *nana*, so "BA7" can be read as "banana."

PAGE 39

Takoyaki is a popular Japanese dish made from pieces of octopus (*tako*) in a savory batter that are cooked in a special pan so they form small balls similar in size to donut holes.

PAGE 39

Yok●do is a reference to the popular Japanese general merchandise chain Ito-Yokado. It is in the same umbrella company as 7Eleven and sells groceries and clothing, similar to a Target or Walmart in the United States.

PAGE 49

You may recognize **Masa Shiba** as the likely pen name of Hatsushiba (a.k.a., Fatty) from Chapter 9 of Volume 1. The character even has his trademark generic girl face!

PAGE 55

Pur●kura refers to *purikura*, photo booths that make photo stickers, or the stickers themselves, which are extremely popular among young people in Japan and other Asian countries. The term is a shortened version of Purinto Kurabu ("Print Club"), the trademarked name for a brand of Japanese photo sticker booths that first came out in 1995.

PAGE 56

The real life equivalents of the **Soft Milky Face** machine are Funwari ("Soft") Milk Face and MiLK Beauty, a line of *purikura* machines that allow users to modify their photos with a variety of appearance adjustments and touch-ups.

TRANSLATION NOTES 2

PAGE 57
Tomoko is reading the July 2012 issue of ***Dengeki Girl's Style***, a magazine aimed at fans of otome games.

PAGE 60
"Tee-hee! Silly me!" is a cute gesture of smiling with the tongue licking over the upper lip that is usually accompanied by a wink and meant to placate someone for having irritated them or for laughing away a mistake.

PAGE 61
The last step of making a *purikura* photo are the **fun touches**—drawing decorative pictures and words on the photo using a stylus and touch screen before printing it out. Tomoko is tired and skips that step entirely, so only the default decorations show up on hers.

PAGE 64
The **calendar labels** indicating a "Very Unlucky" day read *butsumetsu* in the original, which literally means "Buddha's Death." *Senpu*, the original label for "Maybe Bad," indicates a day that is unlucky in the morning but lucky in the afternoon, when it is best to avoid disputes or rash decisions.

PAGE 64
Kanto is the region of Japan comprising Tokyo and the immediate surrounding prefectures.

PAGE 70
In the original, **virgin for life** is written *doutei*, which can mean "Catholic nun" or "male virgin" but is here used as a more extreme word for "virgin."

PAGE 93
A ***naginata*** is a pole-weapon version of the Japanese sword. It was originally a staff with a long, curved sword blade on the end that was widely used in battle. However, after the introduction of firearms, it became a weapon used primarily by women, and in Japan it is still considered a martial arts weapon for girls and women with which to learn discipline and etiquette. The curve at the end can be used to hook an opponent, as the girl on the train unwittingly does to Tomoko.

PAGE 99
Kuroki's Basketball is a reference to the popular sports manga and anime series *Kuroko's Basketball*, in which protagonist Kuroko aids his team by using his tendency to be overlooked as a weapon on the basketball court.

PAGE 103
"Stay by your side" is a reference to a key scene in the visual novel and anime series *Angel Beats!*, although there it's a boy named Hinata saying it to a girl named Yui.

PAGE 108
Not only is the box and logo design mimicking that of Amazon.co.jp, but the *konozama* of **konozama.co.jp**, which means "Curse you!", is also used as Internet slang for ordering something from Amazon and having it get delayed long past the promised delivery date or never delivered at all.

PAGE 108
Sagawa Express is a reference to the actual Japanese package delivery company Sagawa.

PAGE 118
Both **SOS Brigade** and **Neighbors Club** are references to nontraditional clubs from Japanese light novel series—the SOS Brigade from *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya* and the Neighbors Club from *Haganai: I Don't Have Many Friends* (*Boku wa Tomodachi ga Sukunai*) by Yomi Hirasaka.

PAGE 118
Kazehaya-kun is a reference to Shouta Kazehaya, the popular boy who befriends the shy heroine Sawako in the popular *shoujo* manga series *Kimi ni Todoke: From Me to You* by Karuho Shiina.

PAGE 119
Dokra Mokra is a reference to *Dogra Magra*, a 1935 avant-garde science fiction novel by Yumeno Kyuusaku.

PAGE 121
"Find" Your "Want to Be!" is a paraphrase of the title of a popular Japanese career guide for students.

PAGE 123
The **Victim's Pain** poster is a slightly altered version of the 2010 poster for Victims of Crime Week.

PAGE 129
The **weird little man** in the video Tomoko is watching is Ao Oni ("Blue Demon"), the villain of a Japanese RPG-style puzzle game of the same name. A series of videos where two guys play the game (badly) became very popular on NicoNico Douga.

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